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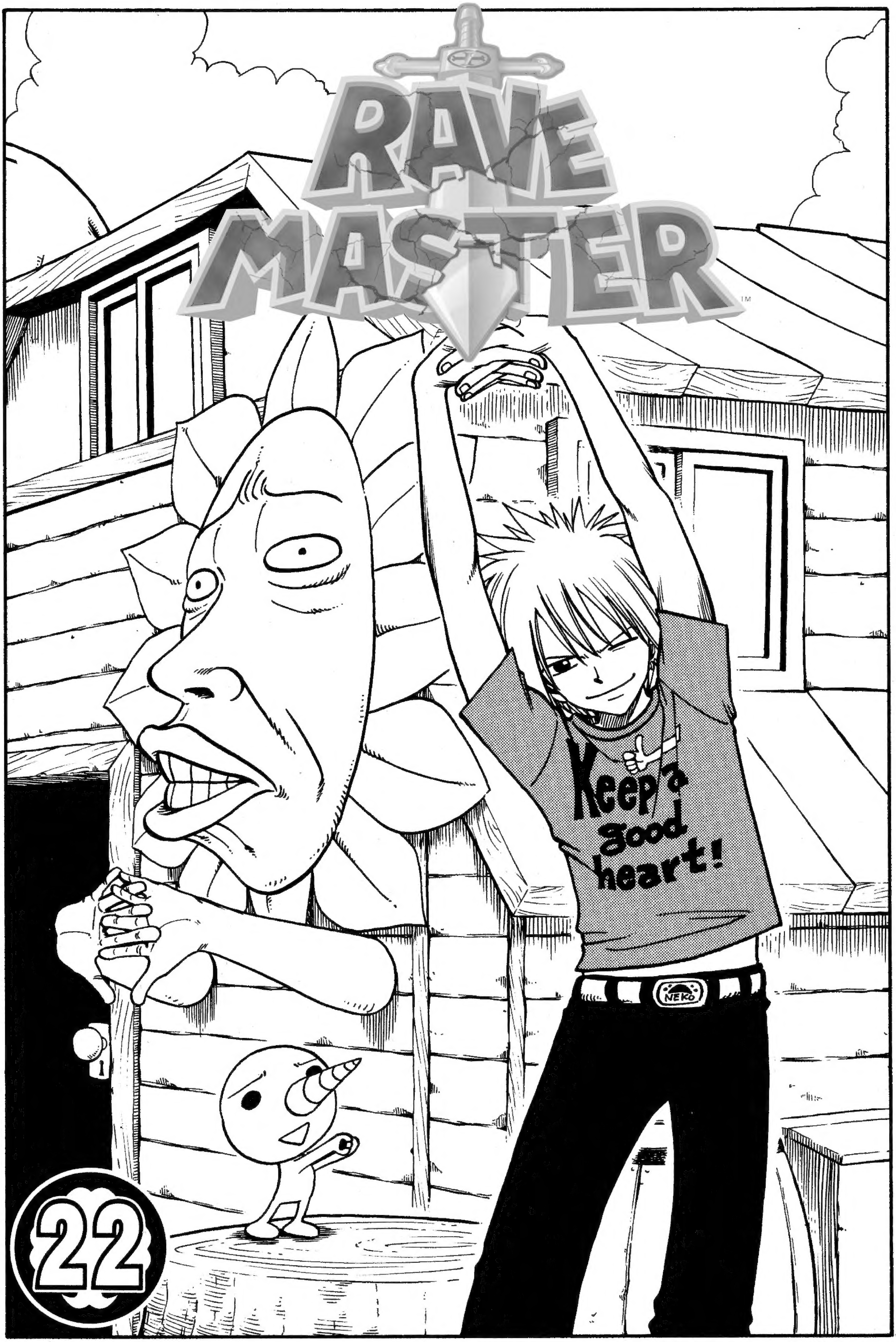
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Keep a good heart!
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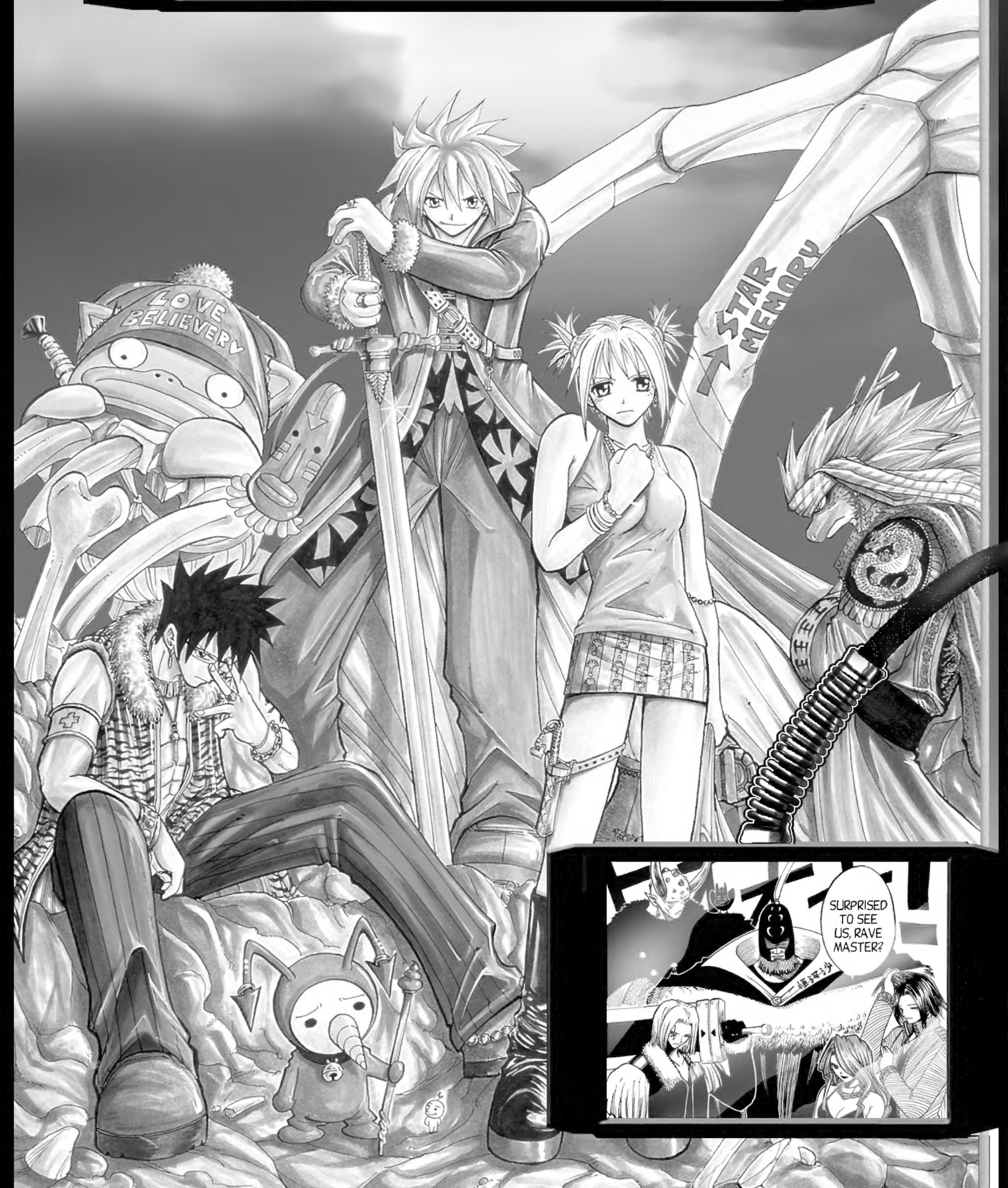
THE STORY SO FAR...

Haru finally defeats ***Lucia***... but cannot bring himself to slay his foe. It is a short-lived victory though, as the ***Forgotten King, "Endless,"*** (a giant, super-powerful being of light), emerges from under the Star Vestige. While Haru and the others try to figure out a way to stop this titan of a threat, ***Sieg*** arrives at his hometown to find that ***Miltz***, the town sage has formed an alliance with ***DC***. Sieg is captured and due to be executed, but a friend breaks him out. Seen as an enemy of the town, Sieg single-handedly defeats its citizens...leaving only the mighty ***Haja the Infinite*** standing between him and freedom.


LOVE BELIEVER
STAR MEMORY
SURPRISED TO SEE US, RAVE MASTER?

THE RAVE MASTER™ CREW

HARU GLORY	A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword,** a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.
ELIE	The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion.**
RUBY	A "penguin-type" senteniod, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!
GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)	Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.
MUSICA	A **"Silverclaimer"** (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?
LET	A member of the Dragon race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.
PLUE	The **Rave Bearer,** Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.
THE ORACION SIX	Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.

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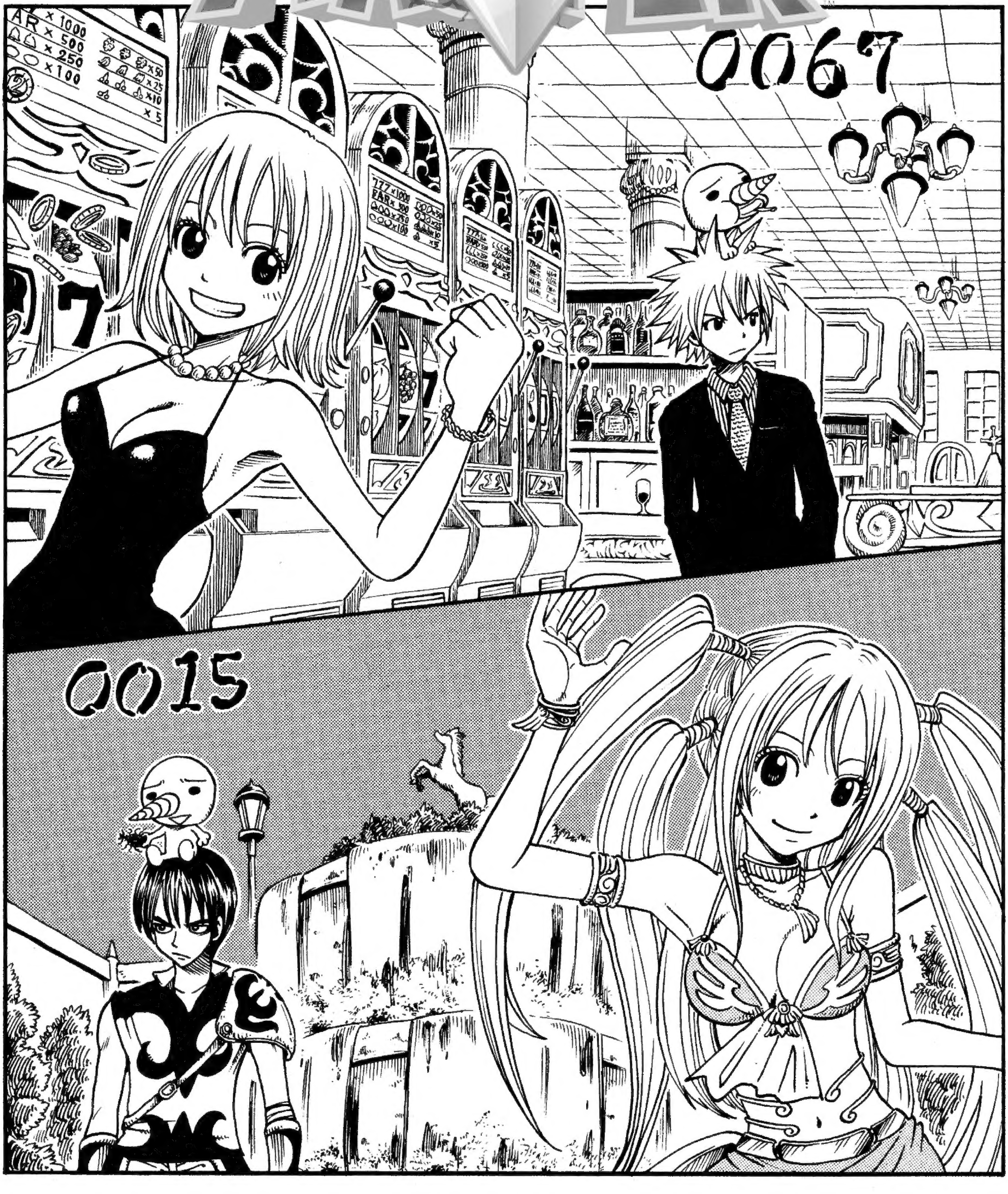

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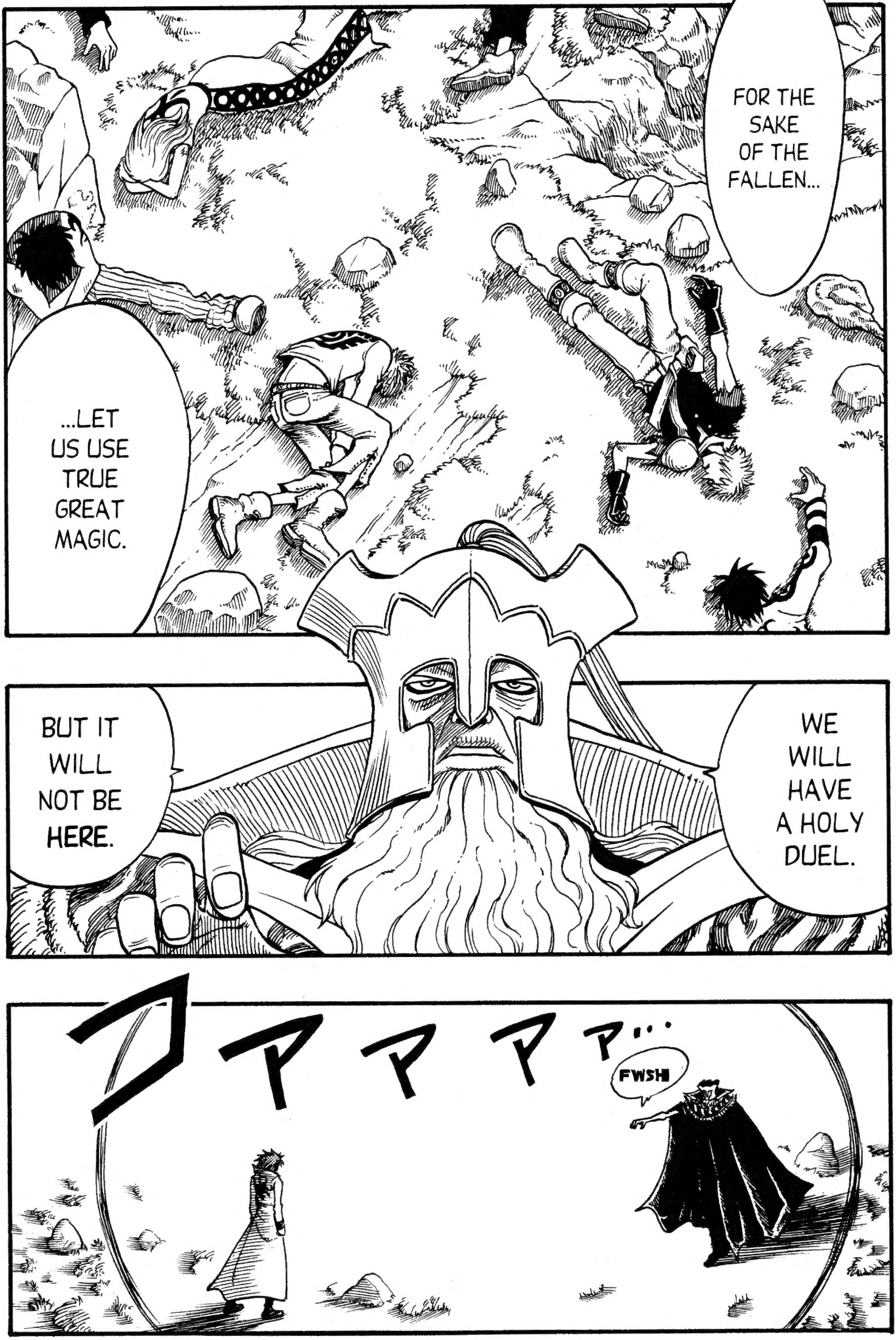
FOR THE SAKE OF THE FALLEN...
...LET US USE TRUE GREAT MAGIC.
WE WILL HAVE A HOLY DUEL.
BUT IT WILL NOT BE HERE.
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FWSH

ドゥ……ン
SIEG!!
だッ
DO NOT BE AFRAID, NIEBEL.
YOU MUST LEAVE THE CITY.
THE PEOPLE ARE POWERLESS TO STOP YOU.
LEAVE... WHILE YOU CAN.
B-BUT SIEG...!
ズドン!!
たっ たっ たっ
I'LL MEET UP WITH YOU ONCE I'VE WON.
ズズズ…

ズウゥ
SIEEEEEG!!!
ズリズリズリ
WHERE THE HECK IS HAJA TAKING HIM?!
ARE THEY **UNDER** THE CITY?!
ギュウゥゥ
IT SURE LOOKS LIKE IT.
HAJA...YOU KNEW MY ORIGINS WHEN I ENTERED DC.
AS I SAID--I PLANNED TO GO TO STAR MEMORY WITH DC AND SUBSEQUENTLY DESTROY THEM.

BUT I MIGHT NOT HAVE DEFEATED KING ALONE.
MILTZ SENT YOU TO REMEDY THAT.
I HELPED YOU?
CORRECT.
THEN WHY NOT TELL ME?
DECEIVING MY FOES WAS OF THE UTMOST PRIORITY. YOU ARE YOUNG AND EMOTIONAL, AND I WAS CONCERNED.
IT SEEMS I WAS RIGHT TO BE, AS YOU HAVE BETRAYED US.
I SHOULD HAVE DONE SO SOONER.
YOU ARE A FOOL.
スウウゥ…
!
THIS PLACE...

THIS IS MILDIAN HEART.

THE CORE OF THE CITY OF MAGIC . . .
WHY ARE WE HERE?
CHRONOS.
!
THE SUPREME CHRONOS MAGIC IS SEALED IN THIS PLACE.
CHRONOS?!
THE FORBIDDEN GREAT MAGIC SECOND ONLY TO ETHERION...
Is that it?
I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE IT RESTED.

CHRONOS WARPS TIME AND DESTROYS EXISTENCE, HAJA. IT WAS SEALED BY THE ANCIENT GODS.
YES. CHRONOS CAN ERASE AN EXISTENCE FROM HISTORY ITSELF.
NOT EVEN MEMORIES WILL REMAIN.
THIS CHRONOS...
...SHALL NOW BE MINE.
IS THIS YOUR TRUE GOAL?
INDEED.
BUT A LIFE MUST BE SACRIFICED TO BREAK THE SEAL.
YOU WILL BE THAT SACRIFICE...
...SIEGHART.
AND YOU PLANNED THIS FROM THE START.
I AM ONLY HERE DUE TO EARLIER EVENTS.
ARE THE PEOPLE OF MILDIAN PAWNS TO YOU?

WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO WITH CHRONOS?!
A FOOLISH QUESTION! CHRONOS IS MEANT FOR WAR.
DEMON CARD, THE RAVE MASTER AND ENDLESS OTHERS MUST BE DESTROYED!
ば!
THEN I WILL RULE TIME. NO, I WILL RULE ALL!
YOU WILL NOT.
TIME IS NOT FOR YOU TO RULE.
THEN WHO DO YOU PROPOSE AS A MORE WORTHY RULER?!
TIME WILL NOT BE RULED!
IT MUST ONLY BE PROTECTED FOR GLOBAL HARMONY!

PROTECTED? A GREAT AND INTANGIBLE POWER SUCH AS TIME?
WHAT PROTECTION CAN ONE HONESTLY PROVIDE FOR SUCH A FORCE?
I CAN DEFEAT YOU...
...AND ANY OTHERS WHO HOLD DARK DESIRES.
INTERESTING.
カッ
!

OBSERVE THE POWER OF YOUR SACRIFICE.
THE MAGIC OF MILDIAN IS WITHIN ME.
YOUR ATTACKS CANNOT SUCCEED.
COM-PRESSION?!

I WILL NOT FAIL. FAILURE WILL LEAD TO THE WORLD'S DESTRUCTION.
CHRONOS WILL REMAIN HERE...
...AND YOU WILL BE DESTROYED!

FWP
ゲォオ!
!!
ドォオー!!
ォオオ
パラ…
HNH.
WE ARE EQUAL.
バッ
THEN BEHOLD!

SPACE MAGIC-- THE SEVEN-PLANET SWORD, GRANSHARIO!!
DO YOU NOT KNOW GREATER SPACE MAGIC?
バッ
!!

BEHOLD, ABOVE YOU.
SPACE MAGIC...
SPACE MAGIC-- FINOMEINA!!
AAAAAAAAAAAH!!

ブブブブ
...ARGO NAUTICA!!
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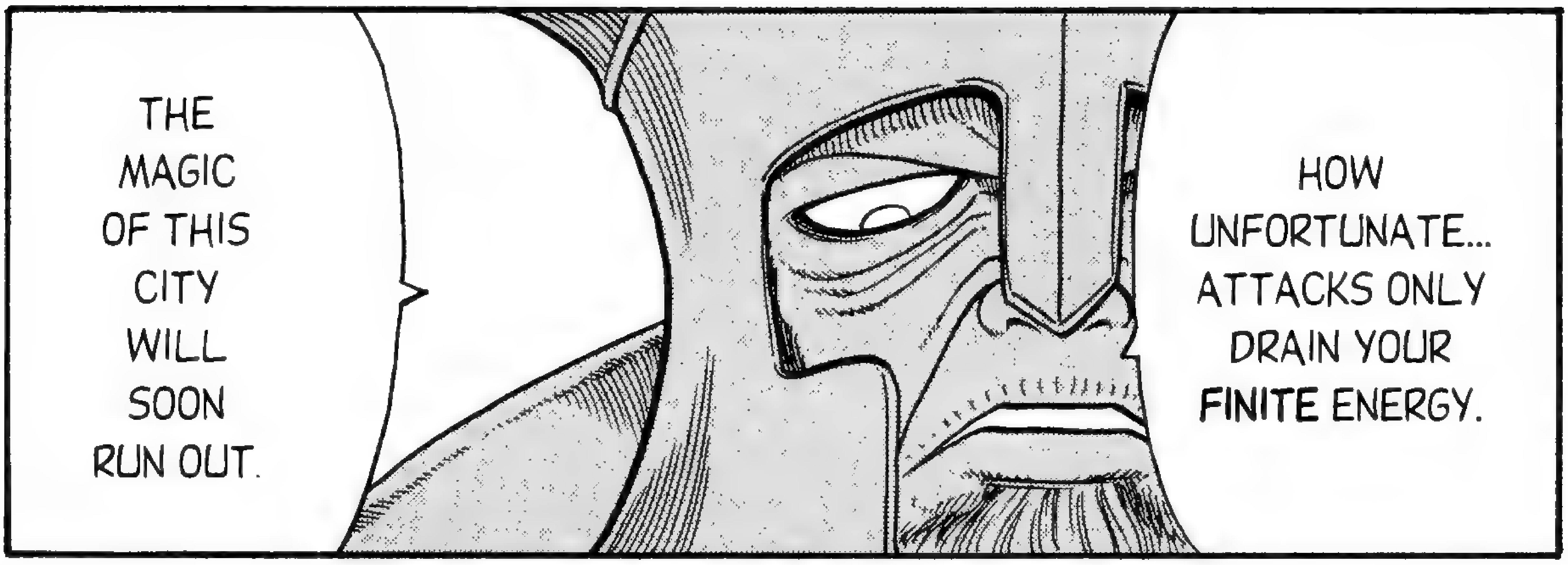
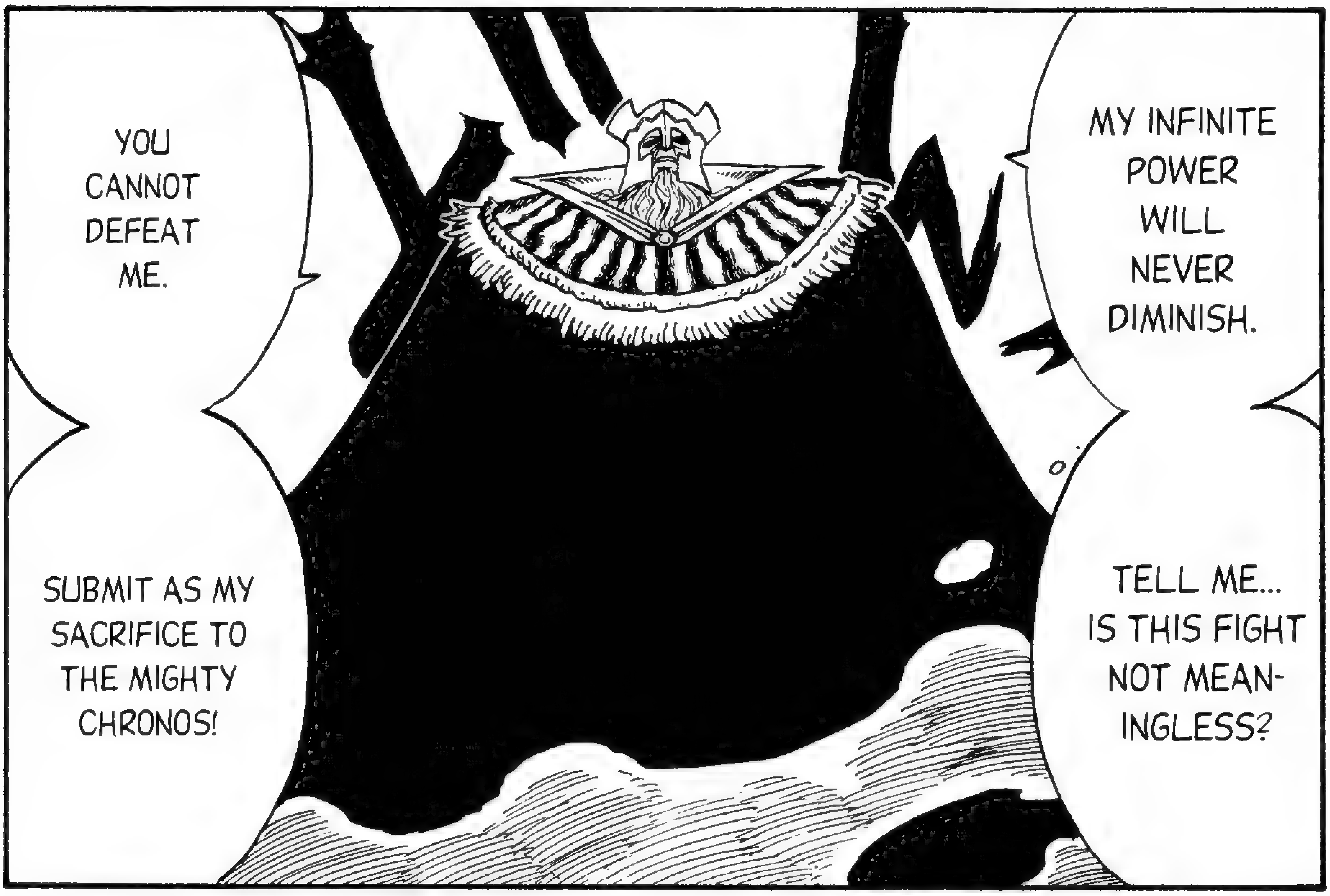
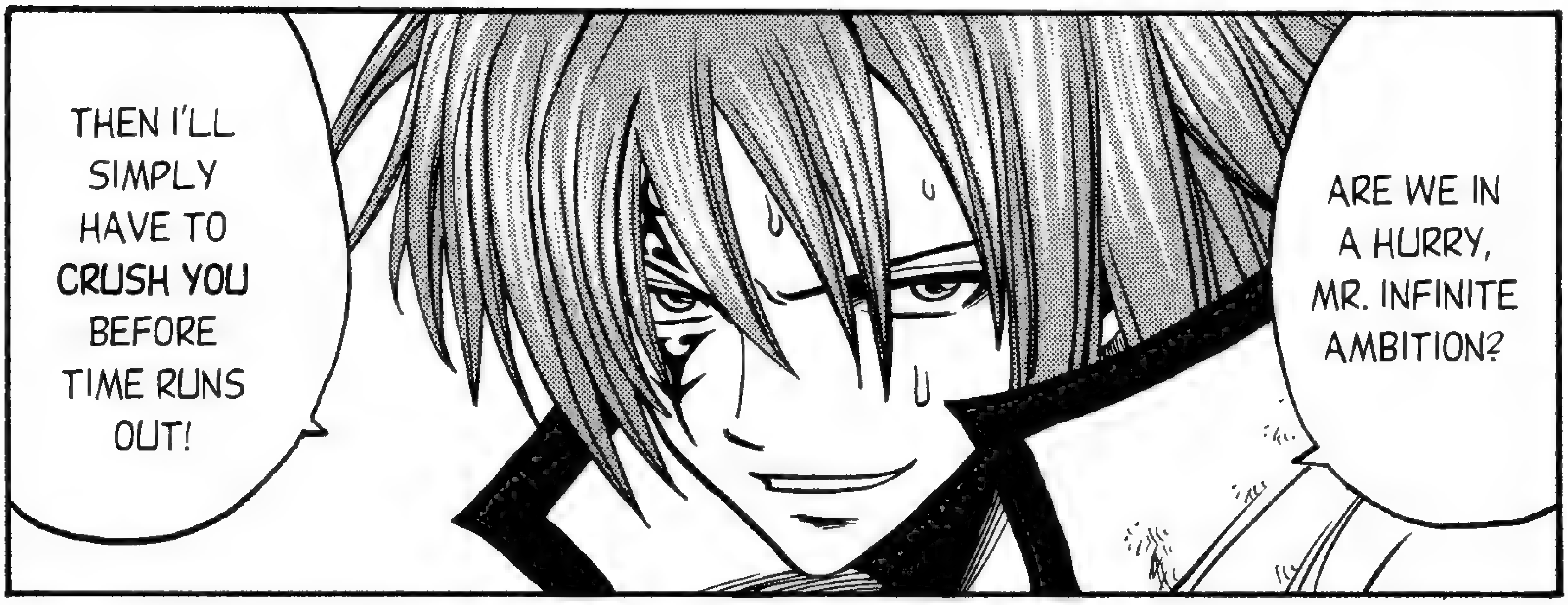
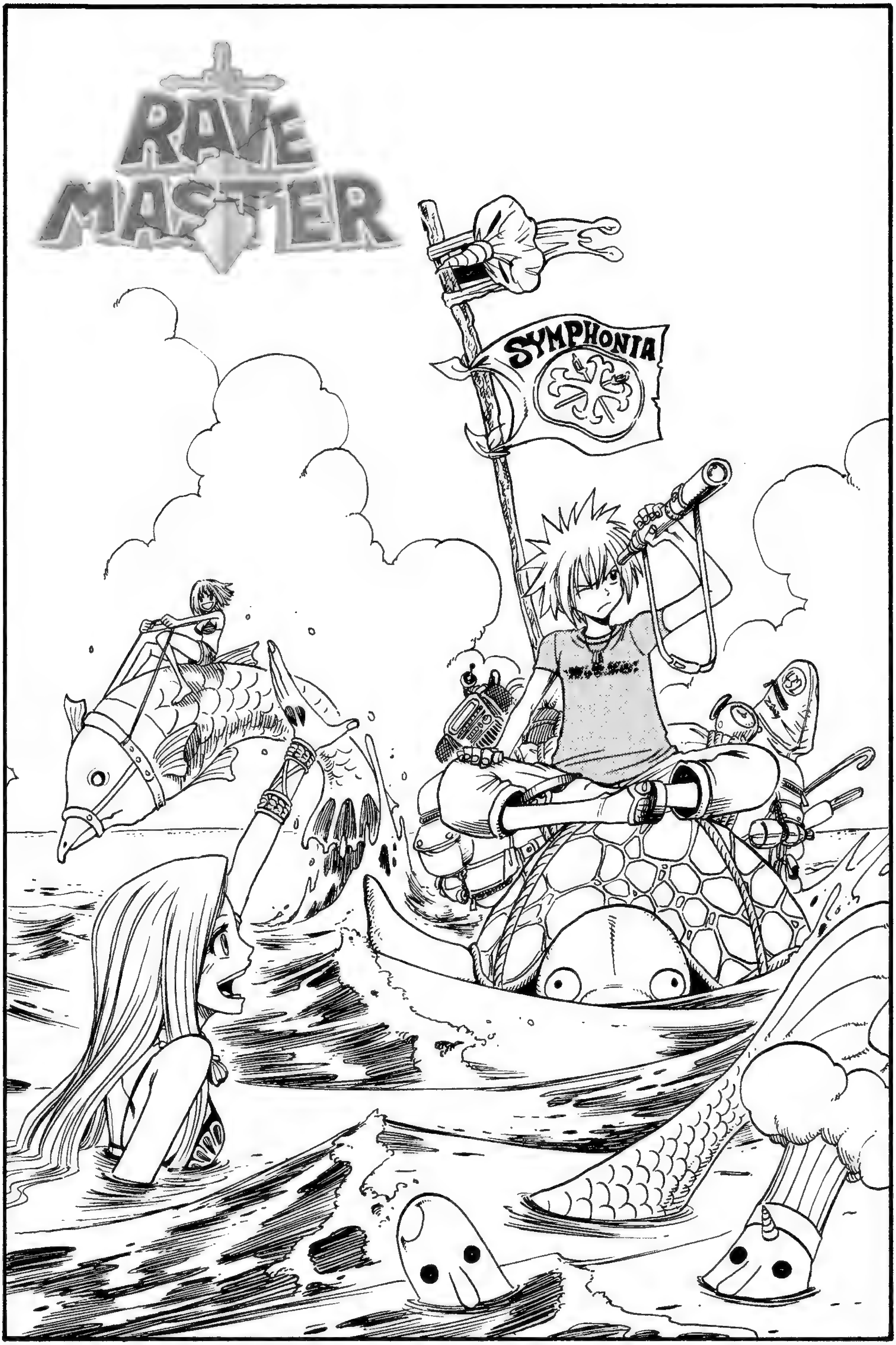
SHIFF
YOU ESCAPED A DIRECT HIT. BUT SUCH A DEFENSE DEPLETES YOUR ENERGY.
YOU MUST BE QUITE EXHAUSTED.


HOW UNFORTUNATE... ATTACKS ONLY DRAIN YOUR **FINITE** ENERGY.
THE MAGIC OF THIS CITY WILL SOON RUN OUT.


MY INFINITE POWER WILL NEVER DIMINISH.
YOU CANNOT DEFEAT ME.
TELL ME... IS THIS FIGHT NOT MEANINGLESS?
SUBMIT AS MY SACRIFICE TO THE MIGHTY CHRONOS!


ARE WE IN A HURRY, MR. INFINITE AMBITION?
THEN I'LL SIMPLY HAVE TO **CRUSH YOU** BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT!


RAVE MASTER
SYMPHONIA

RAVE:175 ✠ TOWARD A NEW TIME

SIEG'S LATE.
HILDE! When did you--?!
I'M NOT SURPRISED TO FIND **YOU** HERE.
!

ARE YOU SPYING ON ME?!
NO.
BUT IF YOUR INTENT WAS TO LEAVE, YOU DIDN'T GO FAR.
STAY OUTTA MY BUSINESS!
HOW VERY JUVENILE.
HMPH! LIKE I'D JUST TAKE OFF...!
I'M WAITING FOR SIEG!
MASTER SIEG IS LONG DEAD BY NOW.

HE IS NOT. I KNOW HE'LL WIN!
SO WHY HASN'T HE ASCENDED?
HE WON'T COME UP THERE!
THEY'RE WITH THE SEALED CHRONOS, NIEBEL! NO ONE ENTERS BUT MASTERS HAJA AND MILTZ!
TAP
SO I'LL ASK MASTER MILTZ!
だっだっだっ
AND YOU HONESTLY THINK HE'LL LISTEN?
ばっ
THEN YOU ASK HIM FOR ME!
WHAT?!
I'M WORRIED ABOUT SIEG! I HAVE TO GO!
DO YOU KNOW HOW CRAZY YOU SOUND, NIEBEL?!

MASTER SIEG HART IS THE ENEMY! MASTER MILTZ DECLARED IT--AND HE'S NEVER WRONG!
MILTZ, SHMILTZ!
IF HE TOLD YOU TO DIE, WOULD YOU DO THAT TOO?!
I MOST CERTAINLY WOULD!
AND IF HE SAID TO KILL YOUR PARENTS?!
CONSIDER THEM KILLED!
AND IF HE TOLD YOU TO PROTECT SIEG?!
WHAT?
I...I WOULD PROTECT HIM! WITH MY LIFE!
DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, YOU LITTLE BRAT?!

はぁっ
I DON'T ENJOY KILLING.
I'M SURE EVERYONE IN TOWN FEELS THE SAME.
BUT THE PEOPLE OF TIME LIVE TO PROTECT TIME--NO MATTER THE COST.
WE HAD NO CHOICE WITH MASTER SIEG.
SIEG ISN'T DEAD.
MMM...
ザ!!
SHOULD WE SEE FOR OURSELVES?
MASTER MILTZ!
MILTZ...!

IT WOULD BE GOOD TO CONFIRM SIEG'S "DEATH."
HUH?
COME ALONG, NOW.
MASTER MILTZ...ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
I'M LATE--AND I'D LIKE TO SEE SIEG'S BODY.
I SAID HE ISN'T DEAD!
!
HUH?
WHA ...?
NO WAY!

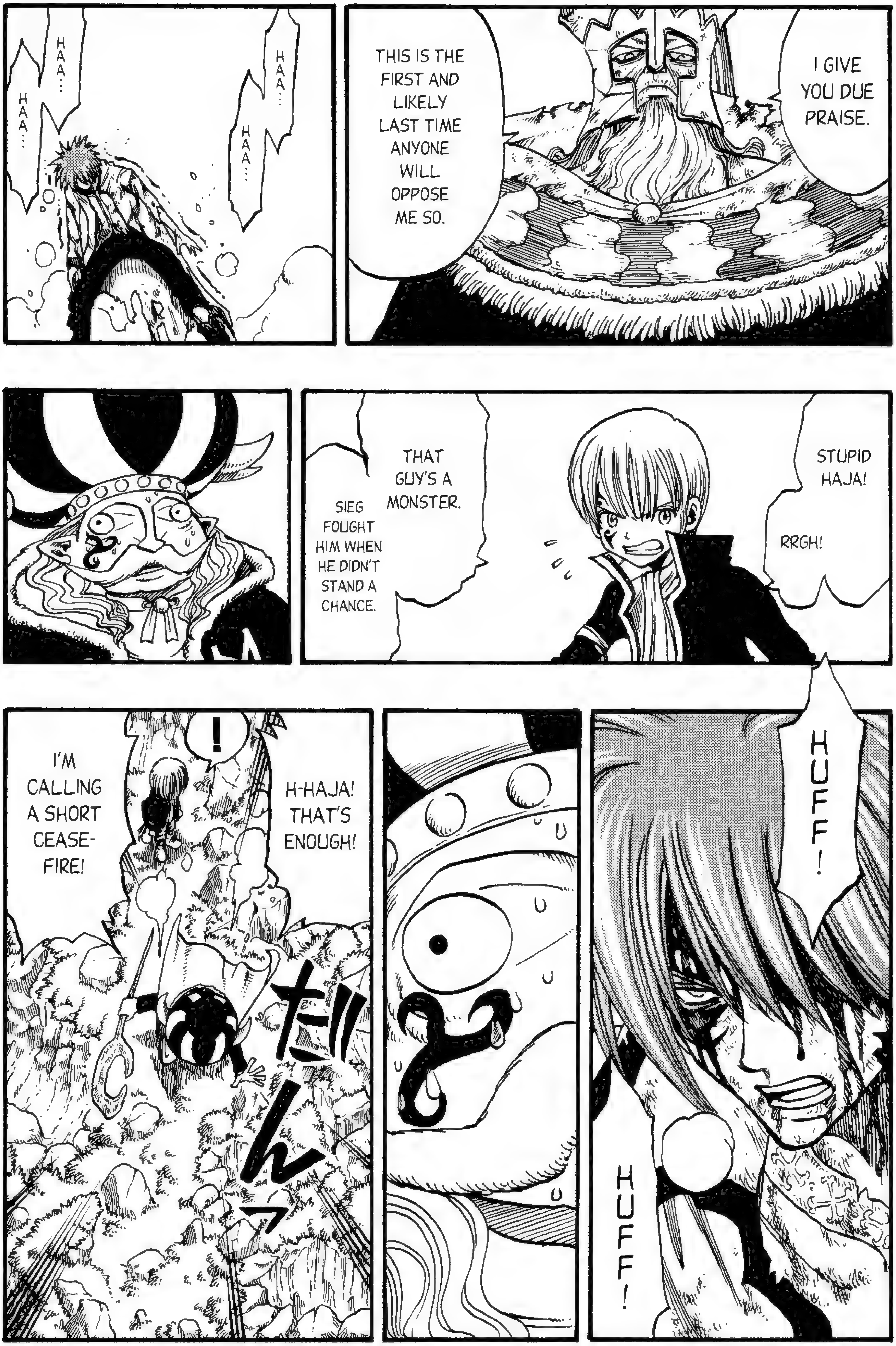
NO WAY!!
"LEAVE... WHILE YOU CAN."
"I'LL MEET UP WITH YOU ONCE I'VE WON."
BUT...
...IT'S ALREADY BEEN A WEEK!!
ARE THEY STILL FIGHTING?!

S-SEVEN DAYS? WITHOUT FOOD, WATER AND REST?!
BUT THAT'S...
がくっ

ドカァン
フラ…
WHAT HAPPENED?
うっ
THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT!
HAH... HAH...
HUFF...
SIEG HART...
...IS STILL ALIVE?
IMPRESSIVE.

HUFF...
PANT...
HUFF...
YOU'VE BECOME A FINE SORCERER, BOY.
BUT FOR THE SAKE OF MILDIAN AND THE PROTECTION OF TIME, YOU MUST BE SACRIFICED.
THAT'S BULL, YOU OLD FART!
YOU'RE BEING COMPLETELY SELFISH!

YOU KEEP TELLING EVERYONE THAT SIEG HAS TO DIE!
THEN HILDE, AND FLICKA, AND THE PEOPLE OF TOWN DO WHATEVER YOU SAY!
THINK FOR A SECOND ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE IN CHARGE!
THROWING AWAY ALL THOSE LIVES...
STOP AND THINK ABOUT WHAT YOUR OWN WORDS MEAN!
169 HOURS, 24 MINUTES.


I GIVE YOU DUE PRAISE.
THIS IS THE FIRST AND LIKELY LAST TIME ANYONE WILL OPPOSE ME SO.
HAA... HAA...
HAA... HAA...
STUPID HAJA!
RRGH!
THAT GUY'S A MONSTER.
SIEG FOUGHT HIM WHEN HE DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE.
HUFF!
HUFF!
H-HAJA! THAT'S ENOUGH!
!
I'M CALLING A SHORT CEASE-FIRE!
だん

SIEG THOUGHT HE WAS PROTECTING TIME--THAT IS NO GREAT CRIME!
LET'S MOVE FROM HERE AND SOLVE THIS DIPLOMATICALLY!
I REFUSE. SIEG IS CHRONOS'S SACRIFICE.
I CANNOT LET HIM LIVE.
CHRONOS?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT, HAJA?!
ONLY THAT ALL SORCERERS WISH TO MASTER THEIR CRAFT.
I DESIRE CHRONOS FOR MYSELF.

WHAT?! HAJA, CHRONOS IS FORBIDDEN! NO SORCERER CAN VIOLATE THAT!
ALL HAS BEEN FOR THIS.
EH?
YOU NEVER GRASPED MY INTENTIONS, DESPITE OUR TIME TOGETHER.
ONCE I GAIN CHRONOS, I WILL FIRST DESTROY YOUR PEOPLE.
WHAT?! YOU MEAN TO BETRAY US?!
HAJA, YOU WOULD BETRAY YOUR OWN KIND?!

IF YOU WILL DIE FOR TIME, YOU WILL DIE FOR ME.
I WILL BE TIME! I WILL RULE TIME WITH CHRONOS!
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I... WON'T...
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ゼェ
...LET YOU... HAJA.
ゼェ
SIEG...
HE'S BREAKING DOWN...
HE CAN'T FIGHT LIKE THIS!
!
I'M SORRY!
I-I'M SORRY, MASTER MILTZ.
PLEASE, FORGIVE ME!
NNN...
NN!
I'M SORRY..
NNF!

MY HEART IS GLAD THAT MASTER SIEG IS ALIVE!
MY FEELINGS WON'T LIE, DESPITE MY INTENTIONS!
NNF...
NN!
I KNOW YOU AGREE WITH HER, MASTER MILTZ.
......
EVERYONE TRIED TO KILL SIEG, BUT HE STILL PULLED HIS PUNCHES.
HE WORRIED ABOUT YOU, EVEN AFTER YOU TURNED ON HIM.
HE COULD'VE KILLED EVERYONE. YOU KNOW THAT.

BUT HE STILL DID WHAT HE HAD TO WITHOUT TAKING A LIFE.
AND HE MADE THAT DECISION COMPLETELY ON HIS OWN.
THIS TOWN'S NEVER LET IN NEW OR DIFFERENT IDEAS.
A CITY CARVED OUT OF TIME--A CITY WHERE TIME STOPS FOREVER.
SIEG'S GONNA START A NEW TIME FOR THIS CITY!

PERHAPS... YOU'RE RIGHT.
グズッ
I DON'T WANT... TO LOSE... ALL MY PRECIOUS PEOPLE.
MASTER MILTZ!
YOU DARE TO CHALLENGE ME, IN YOUR WEAKNESS?
RUN...ALL OF YOU. THIS IS NO...FOE FOR YOU.
MY DECISION HAS BEEN MADE!
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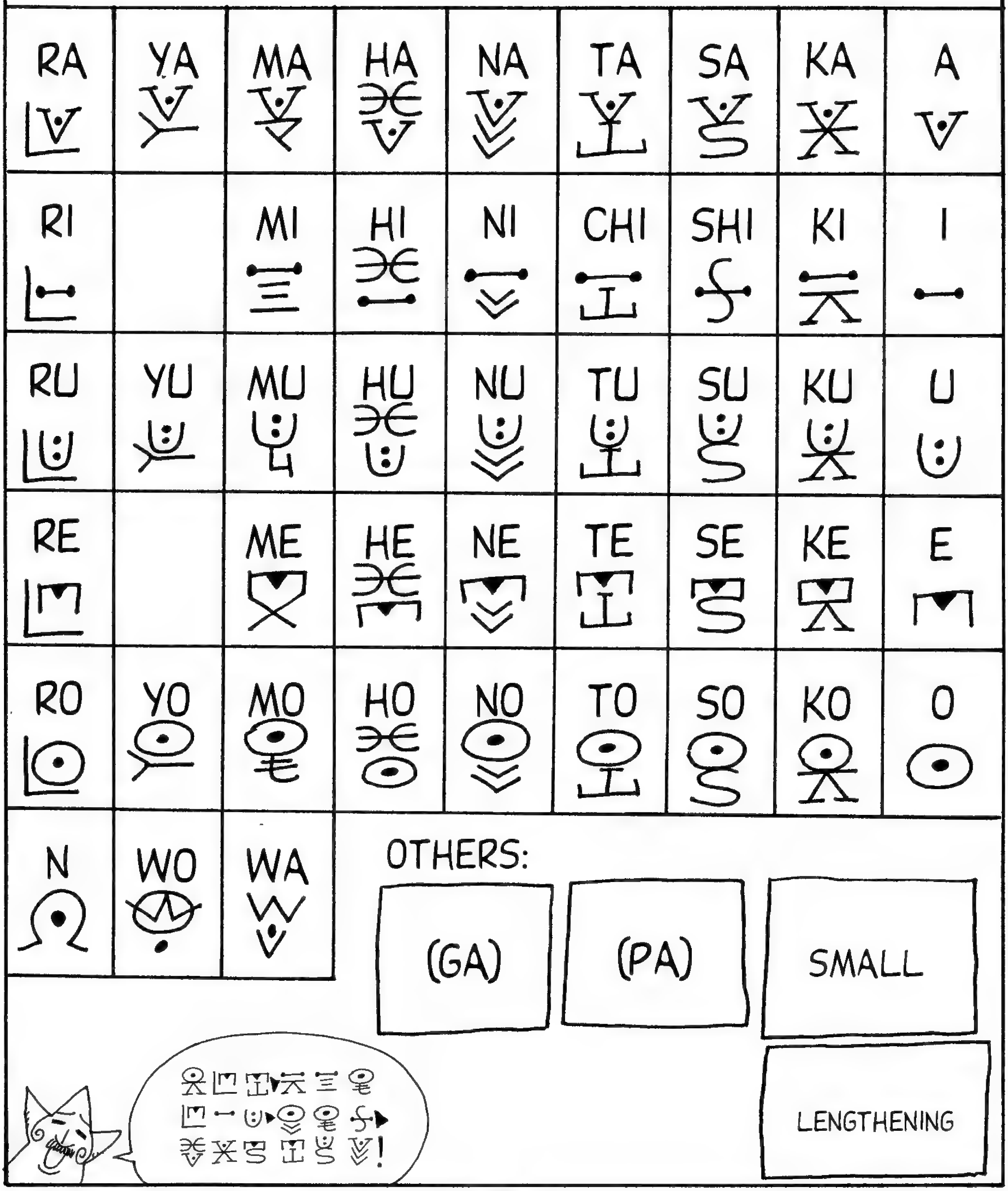
THIS IS NOT FOR TIME, BUT FOR THOSE I MUST PROTECT!

Symphonia Alphabet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RAVE MASTER

RAVE:176 SURPASSING THE INFINITE

INFINITE ENERGY OR NO, HAJA'S BODY HAS LIMITS.
HE'S FOUGHT FOR SEVEN DAYS. HE MUST BE EXHAUSTED!
STOP... YOU C-CAN'T...
HAJA ...
THE PEOPLE OF TIME EXPEL YOU!
FINE. IT IS TIME TO RID MY FACE OF YOUR MARK, ANYWAY.
I CAME BACK ONLY TO USE YOU.
THE PEOPLE OF TIME SHALL **PERISH** BY MY **HAND**!

YOU ARE THE ONE WHO WILL PERISH!
!!!
ENTER THE WORMHOLE!
YOU CAN USE SUCH A THING, MILTZ?!
I USUALLY AVOID IT!
EVERYTHING THAT ENTERS A WORMHOLE IS ANNHILATED!
GREAT VOID MAGIC WILL PUNISH YOUR INFINITE WICKEDNESS!
M-MASTER...

I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND EVIL, HAJA.
IT'S BETRAYING THOSE YOU'VE SWORN TO PROTECT FOR YOUR OWN AMBITIONS!
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME!
WHAT?!
TH-THIS CAN'T BE!
MASTER MILTZ'S MAGIC DISAPPEARED!

ドドド
AAAAAH!!
KYAAAAAH!!
YAAAAAH!!
ドッ
ズ…ズ…ズ…
NNGH ...!
SO THIS... IS HAJA'S POWER?
TAP
YOU GUYS ...

DAMN.
HUFF!
PANT!
GGGH!!
WEEN
SIEG!!
I CAN'T... WIN...
EVERYTHING IS OVER.
AT FULL POWER I WAS LOSING... AND NOW I'M ALMOST SPENT.
I'M OUT OF OPTIONS.
FORGIVE ME, ALL OF YOU.
EVERYTHING IS OVER.

YAAAAAAAH!!
MASTER MILTZ!
ズザァァ!!
KAAAAAAAAH!!

ブオオ
THIS IS PATHETIC, MILTZ.
ドサッ
HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES...I **WILL NOT GIVE UP.**
I WILL PROTECT THIS CITY WITH MY LIFE, HAJA!
"NOT GIVE UP"?
I...
I...

I LOVE THIS CITY!
ドォーー!
CLATTER

スウ…
オオオオ…
YOUR TRIFLING TEATIME HAS ENDED!
ヴヴヴヴ
NOW MY WORLD WILL BEGIN!
MY SUPERIOR MAGIC WILL ANNIHILATE EVERYTHING!!
BLACK MAGIC THAT SMOTHERS ANY LIFE IT MAY TOUCH!!
OMEGA LIFE!!

ガリ
NOTHING HAS ENDED.
I'M NOT GIVING UP, YOU SCUM.

AAAAAAAAAAH!!!
HN?
SIEG!
M-MASTER SIEG...
MASTER MILTZ... I WAS ONLY SAVED BY THE ARRIVAL OF YOU ALL.
!
フラ…
PLEASE LEND THIS TO ME.
SIEG, MY BOY...THE CANE HAS NO MORE POWER!

THIS IS THE END.
フワァァァ
IT'S ALL THAT'S LEFT OF ME.
ELEMENT OF WIND...
...GIVE ME STRENGTH.
YOU'RE THE LAST SPELL I CAN CAST!
SIEG!!

IMPUDENT FOOL!
YOU STRUGGLE IN VAIN! YOU'RE A POWERLESS SORCERER!
I DON'T NEED **YOUR POWER**, YOU AMBITION-CRAZED MONSTER!
MAGIC WITHOUT INTELLIGENCE ONLY HURTS THIS PRECIOUS WORLD!
YOU RALLY BEHIND INTELLIGENCE? POWER IS SUPERIOR!
THE FINAL POWER WILL BE MINE! I WILL TREASURE IT AND MASTER SORCERY!
POWER DOESN'T LAST, HAJA!
AND YOU'LL LEARN THAT *THE HARD WAY!!*

FOOL!!
ブァァ
SIEG!!
NO!!
WHOOSH
!
A GREAT FORCE...
...STILL PALES IN COMPARISON TO THE STRENGTH OF THE SPIRIT.

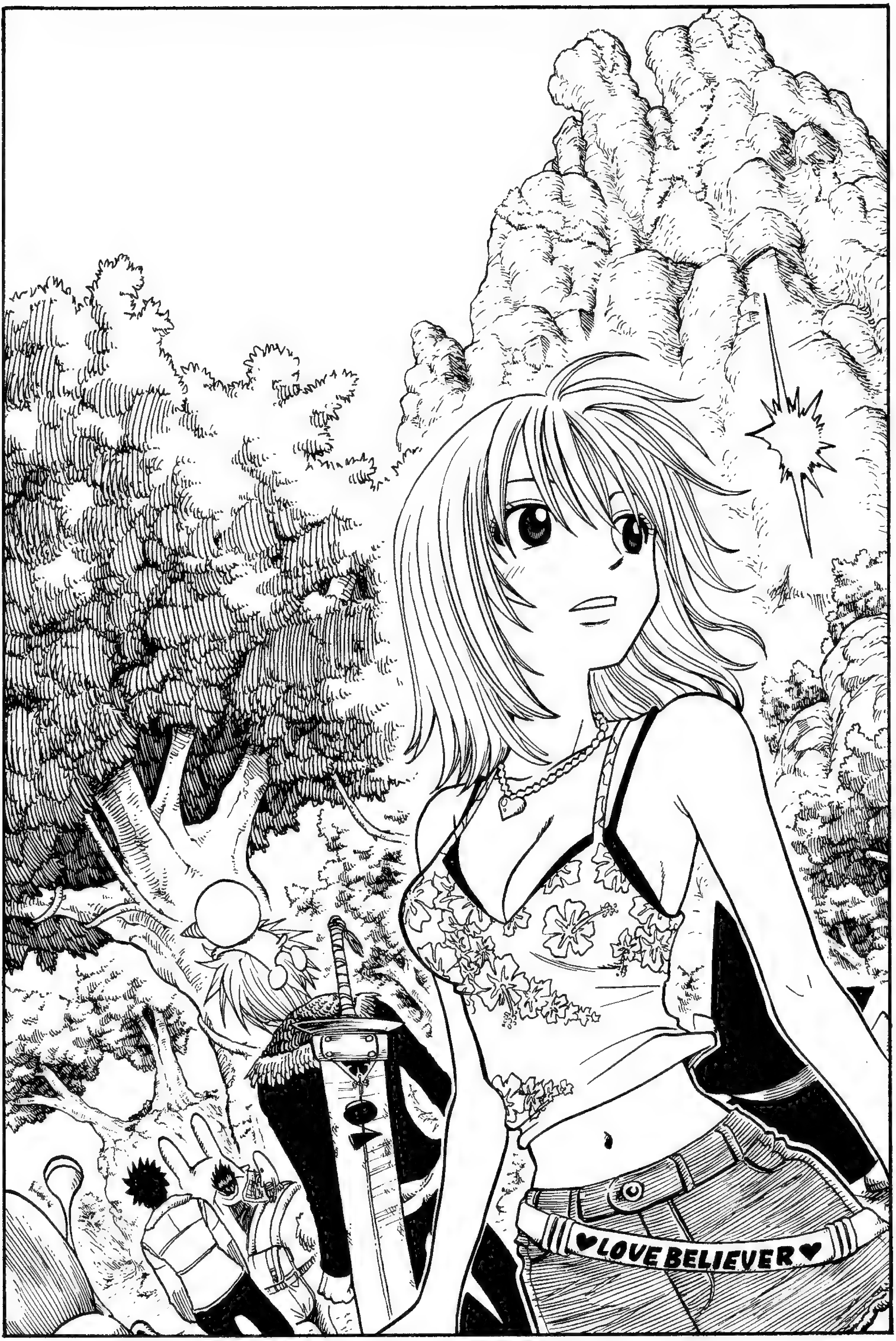
ITS INFINITY IS GREATER THAN YOUR MAGIC!!

AH...
AH...
GGGH!

N-NO...!
GHCK!
THIS...
...CANNOT...!
MY MAGIC IS INFINITE...
...YET I'M PIERCED BY A BROKEN STAFF...!
YOU RELIED TOO MUCH ON YOUR POWER, HAJA!
"SORCERERS CANNOT BLOCK THAT WITHOUT MAGIC."
A REGULAR METAL SWORD CAN'T BE BLOCKED BY MAGIC.
THANK YOU, HARU...
MISERABLE... ...PEON!!
I WILL NOT DIE...
NOT LIKE THIS!

ガシ!!!
THIS IS INFINITY!!
I'LL RELEASE IT ALL WHILE I STILL BREATHE!!
JOIN ME IN HELL...
...SIEG HART!
NO!!
DON'T!!

ドゴォン
SIEEEEEEEG!!!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RAVE MASTER

RAVE:177 ✚ THE END OF TIME

HE DIDN'T JUST...
HE DIDN'T JUST DO THAT...!
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ガラ...
ガラ
Ohh...
H-HAJA SELF-DESTRUCTED.
HE BROUGHT SIEG WITH HIM.

THAT'S SO...
...CRUEL!
WHY?
WHY DID IT HAVE TO END LIKE THIS?!
NNGH!
NN...
HIC!
NNGH...
OH, MILDIAN HEART!
TWO GREAT SORCERIES LAY SCATTERED HERE.
WHICH PATH DO WE CHOOSE NOW?

WHAT'S THE MATTER, ELIE?
Puun!!
Elance
UM...
I'M NOT SURE.
I THINK SOMETHING... BIG JUST DISAPPEARED SOMEWHERE.
I-I FELT THE SAME THING, POYO!
REALLY?
I FELT NOTHING!
NOR DID I. WOE.
SOMETHING BIG, HUH?
!
!!
I GUESS HAJA OR SIEG'S DEAD.

OR BOTH, MAYBE.
ボコボコボコ
!
ザザザ...
アッ
HAJA?!
IT CAN'T BE!

HEE HEE! HAJA KILLED SIEG WHEN HE DIED, THE CLEVER SCAMP!
MY NAME IS IGOR KILKILA.
HUH?!
IS THAT ANOTHER FACE?
IGOR KILKILA?
DEMON CARD'S SCIENTIST.
NICE TO MEET YOU. HEE HEE!
もご…
もご…
HAJA'S DEATH FINALLY FREED ME.
SPLURT
UM...EW.
HEE, IT'S BEEN SO LONG!
FWOO
MY OWN BODY, BACK AT LAST!

HEE HEE HEE!
スタッ
HAJA WAS AN EXCELLENT SORCERER...
...BUT 'TWAS I WHO MADE HIM INFINITE.
ズシィン
YOU SEE?
FSH
FSH
THE TYPE 61 DB, THE SECRET TO UNLIMITED MAGIC.
HE SEALED ME IN IT TO KEEP THE TRICK HUSH-HUSH.
HAJA SNAPPED ME UP AND STUFFED ME INTO HIS BODY.
THAT WAY I WAS STILL AROUND IF THE TYPE 61 WENT BAD.
HEE HEE.
HEE...
GEH HEE...
HEE HEE!

THIS OLD COOT RUINED EVERYTHING!
HE WAS DRUNK ON HIS OWN AMBITION!
NOW I'VE LOST MY STANDING WITH DC!
AND FOR WHAT?! TAKE THAT AND THAT!
ER!
YOU'LL PAY FOR ANGERING ME!
HAH...
I'LL DICE YOUR BODY INTO TINY PIECES!
HAH...
HAH...
HAH...
STOP THAT! NO ONE MAY DEFILE A CORPSE HERE!
HM?
INDEED... THE DEAD ARE USELESS.
にたぁ…
NOW I CAN EXPERIMENT AGAIN ON THE LIVING.

CRUNCH
CRUNCH
Y-YOU STAY BACK!
OOF!
AGH!
ぐるんっ
FOOSH
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I CAN USE SOME MAGIC. THOUGH I DISLIKE THE TERM--I PREFER "LATENT ABILITY."
IT MAY NOT BE MUCH, BUT IT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR YOU.
IT'S TIME FOR SOME LONG-AWAITED SCIENCE FUN.
GRAB
!!
HILDE!
I'M COMPLETELY... OUT OF STRENGTH!
I LOVE WORKING ON WOMEN, SO YOU'LL BE GOING FIRST.

GET YOUR HANDS OFF HER.
!!!

SIEG!
WHAT?!
MASTER SIEG!...
THIS ISN'T POSSIBLE! WHY ARE YOU ALIVE?!
HAJA SELF-DESTRUCTED AT POINT-BLANK RANGE!

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ACK!
M-MY HEAD!
ゴロ ゴロ
WHAT KIND OF MAGIC IS... ST-STOP!
AGH!
GGH!
YIII!
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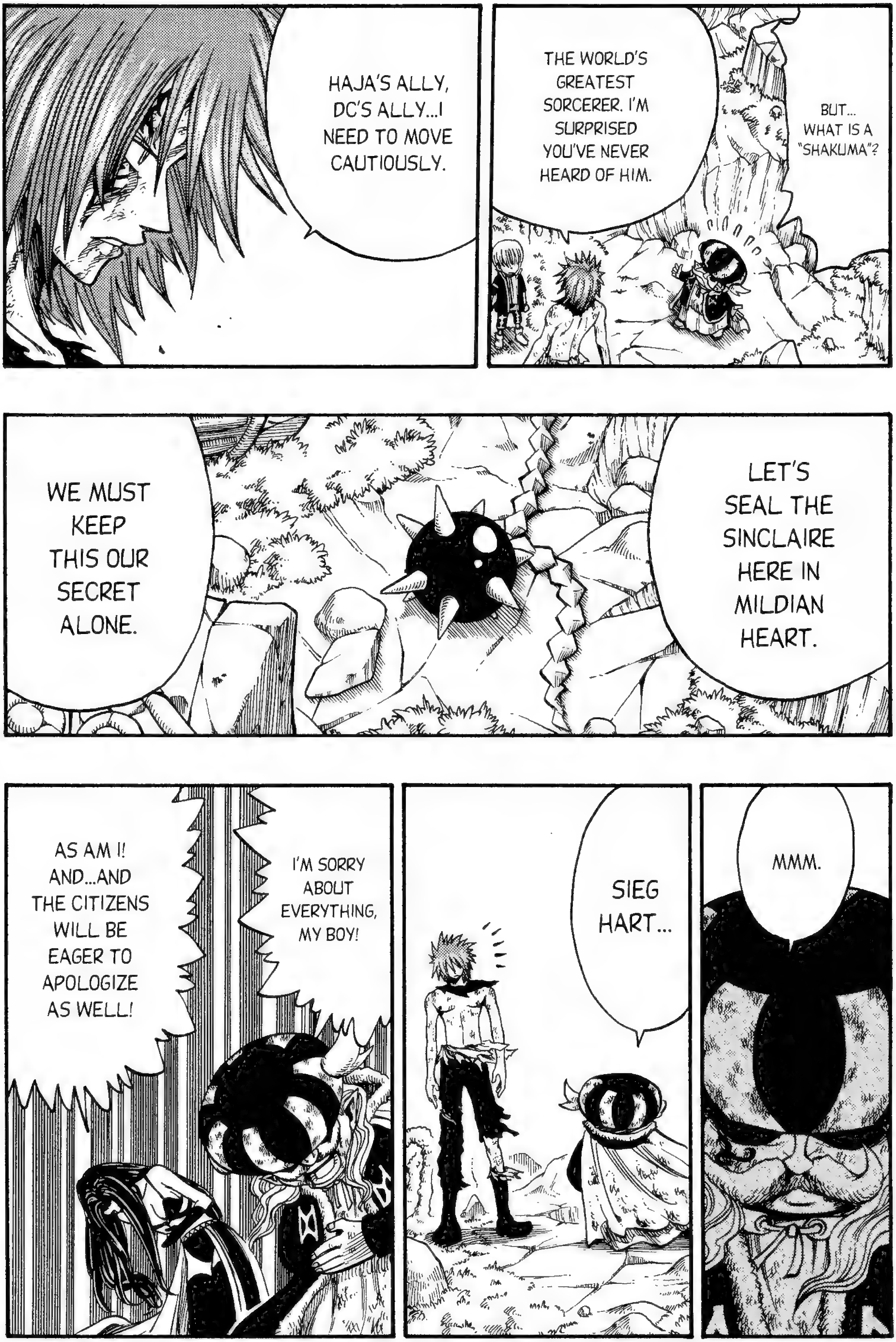
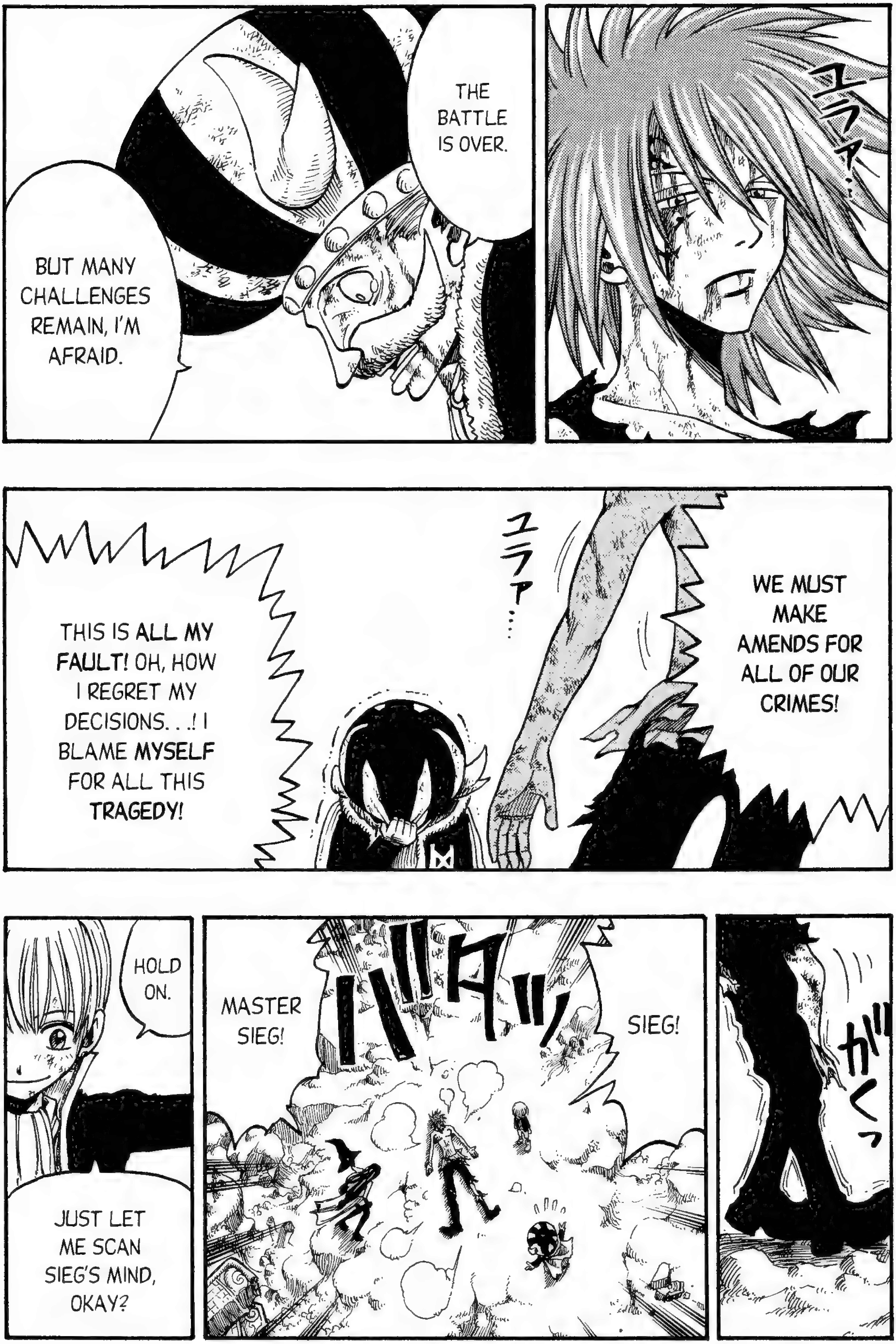
...I DIDN'T KILL HIM. HE JUST FAINTED.
BE SURE TO ARREST HIM, MASTER MILTZ.

RELAX. IT'S ALL OVER.
TIME IS SAFE AGAIN.

BUT...HOW DID YOU ESCAPE HAJA'S LAST ATTACK?
WELL...
I'M NOT REALLY SURE MYSELF.
ヒュウウウ…
WHAT?
HE SURPASSED HIM.
IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE, SIEG SURPASSED HAJA!
I SEE...
THIS CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...
THAT BOY MAY ONE DAY SURPASS GREAT MAGIC ITSELF.

SIEG HART IS NOW THE WORLD'S GREATEST SORCERER!
I HAVEN'T YET FACED SHAKUMA.
WHAT?! YOU JUST READ MY MIND!
AND SO EFFORTLESSLY!


BUT... WHAT IS A "SHAKUMA"?
THE WORLD'S GREATEST SORCERER. I'M SURPRISED YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF HIM.
HAJA'S ALLY, DC'S ALLY...I NEED TO MOVE CAUTIOUSLY.
LET'S SEAL THE SINCLAIRE HERE IN MILDIAN HEART.
WE MUST KEEP THIS OUR SECRET ALONE.
MMM.
SIEG HART...
I'M SORRY ABOUT EVERYTHING, MY BOY!
AS AM I! AND...AND THE CITIZENS WILL BE EAGER TO APOLOGIZE AS WELL!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THE BATTLE IS OVER.
BUT MANY CHALLENGES REMAIN, I'M AFRAID.
WE MUST MAKE AMENDS FOR ALL OF OUR CRIMES!
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THIS IS ALL MY FAULT! OH, HOW I REGRET MY DECISIONS. . .! I BLAME MYSELF FOR ALL THIS TRAGEDY!
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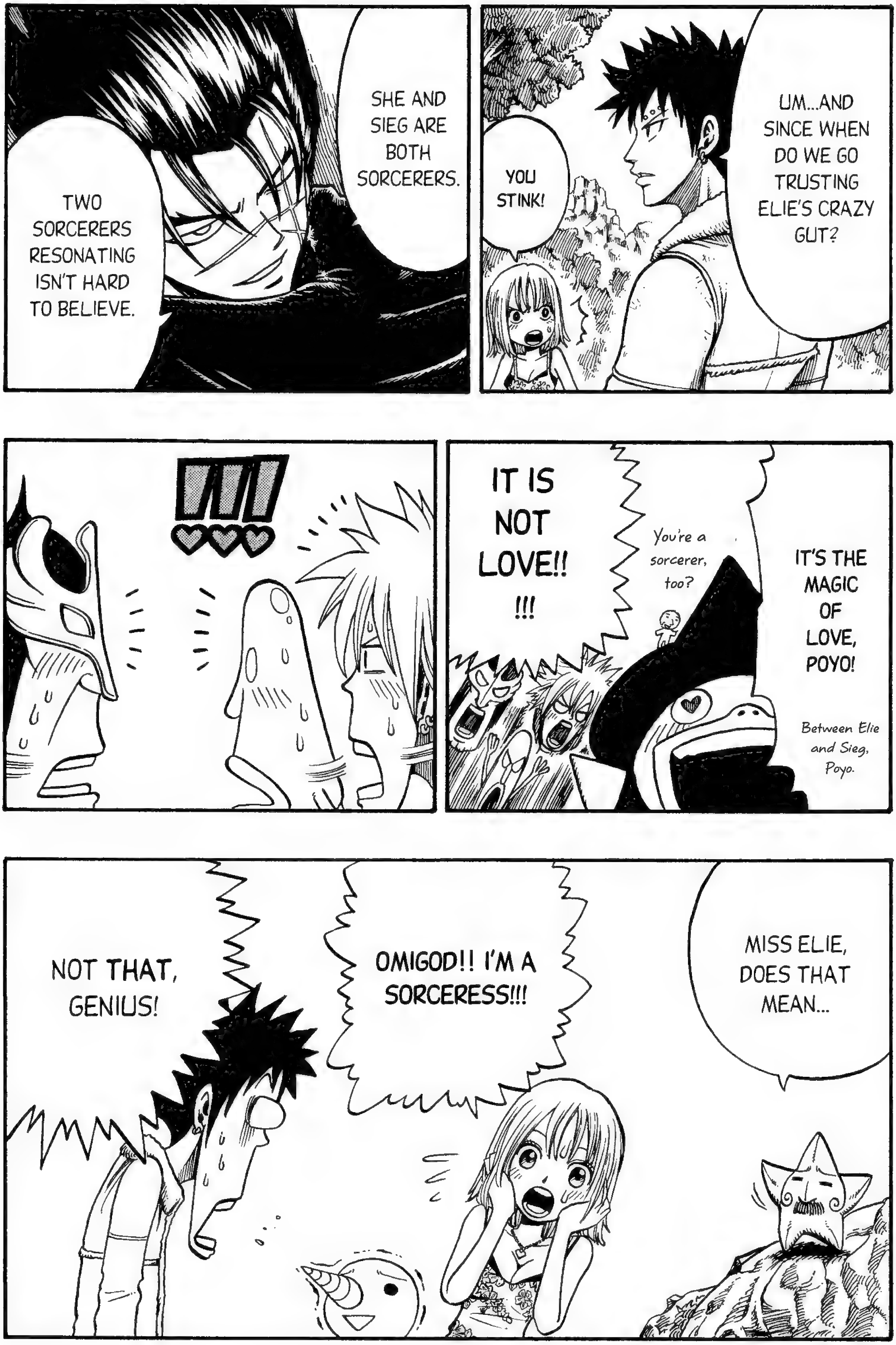
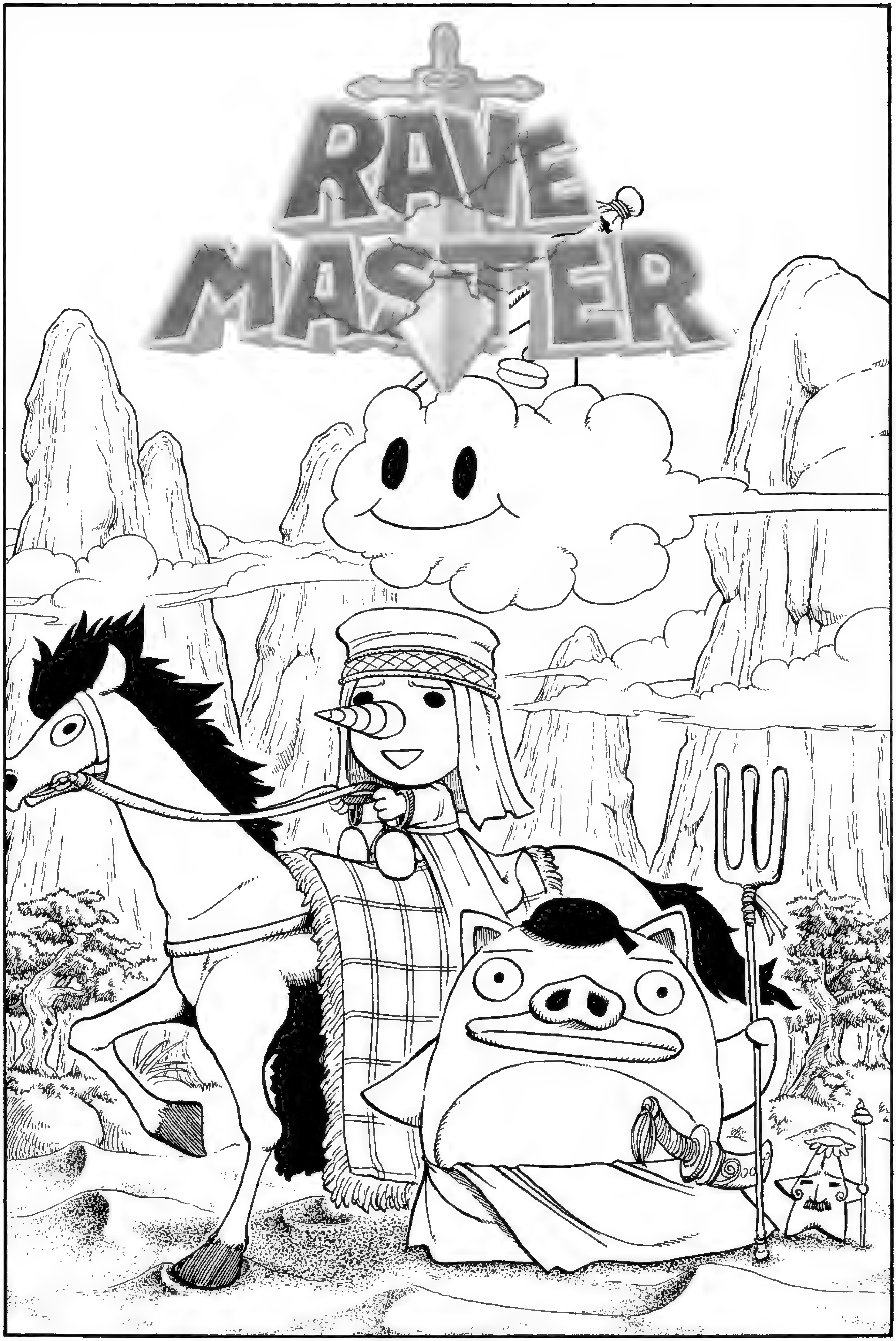
SIEG!
バッ
MASTER SIEG!
HOLD ON.
JUST LET ME SCAN SIEG'S MIND, OKAY?

WHATEVER. JUST LET ME SLEEP.
YOU GOT IT, SIEG.

WAIT. I THINK... I THINK SIEG'S ALIVE.
I THINK HE MIGHT'VE WON.
REALLY?
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?
MUNCH
I FELT THIS KINDA SCARY, EVIL POWER GO AWAY.
THAT MEANS HAJA LOST. SO SIEG MUST'VE WON!
OH YEAH? OH SNAP! SIEG'S THE MAN!
Puun!!
AND THAT MEANS SHUDA'S PLAN TO KEEP THAT SINCLAIRE OUT OF DC'S HANDS WORKED.
MWA HA HA HA! JUSTICE ALWAYS TRIUMPHS!


SHE AND SIEG ARE BOTH SORCERERS.
TWO SORCERERS RESONATING ISN'T HARD TO BELIEVE.
UM...AND SINCE WHEN DO WE GO TRUSTING ELIE'S CRAZY GUT?
YOU STINK!
!!!
IT'S THE MAGIC OF LOVE, POYO!
Between Elie and Sieg, Poyo.
You're a sorcerer, too?
IT IS NOT LOVE!! !!!
MISS ELIE, DOES THAT MEAN...
OMIGOD!! I'M A SORCERESS!!!
NOT THAT, GENIUS!


RAVE MASTER

RAVE:178 ✚ BEYOND THE SMILE...

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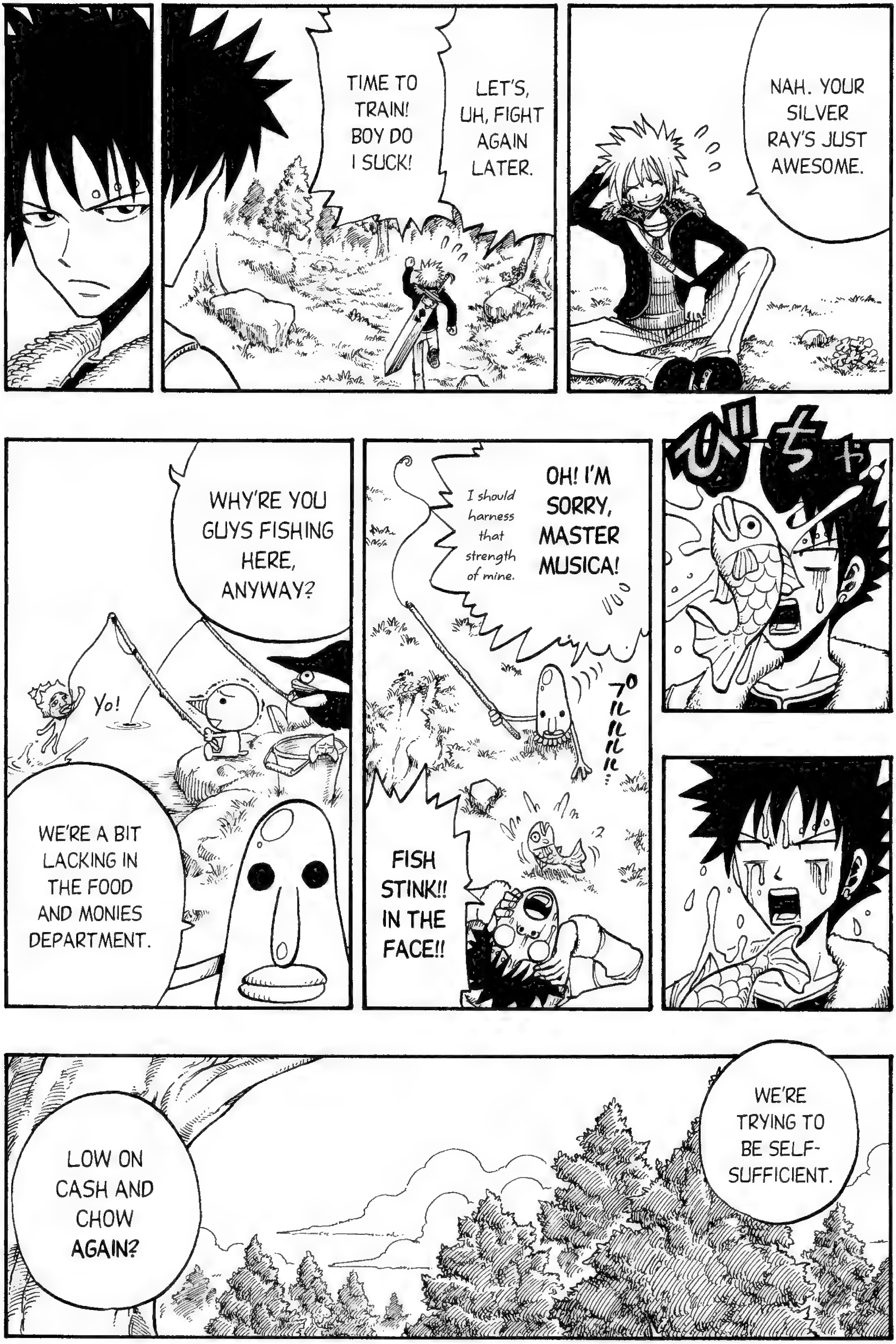
OW!
THWAK
ALL RIGHT, SONNY!
MAN... TAKIN' IT EASY, HARU?


TIME TO TRAIN! BOY DO I SUCK!
LET'S, UH, FIGHT AGAIN LATER.
NAH. YOUR SILVER RAY'S JUST AWESOME.
WHY'RE YOU GUYS FISHING HERE, ANYWAY?
Yo!
WE'RE A BIT LACKING IN THE FOOD AND MONIES DEPARTMENT.
OH! I'M SORRY, MASTER MUSICA!
I should harness that strength of mine.
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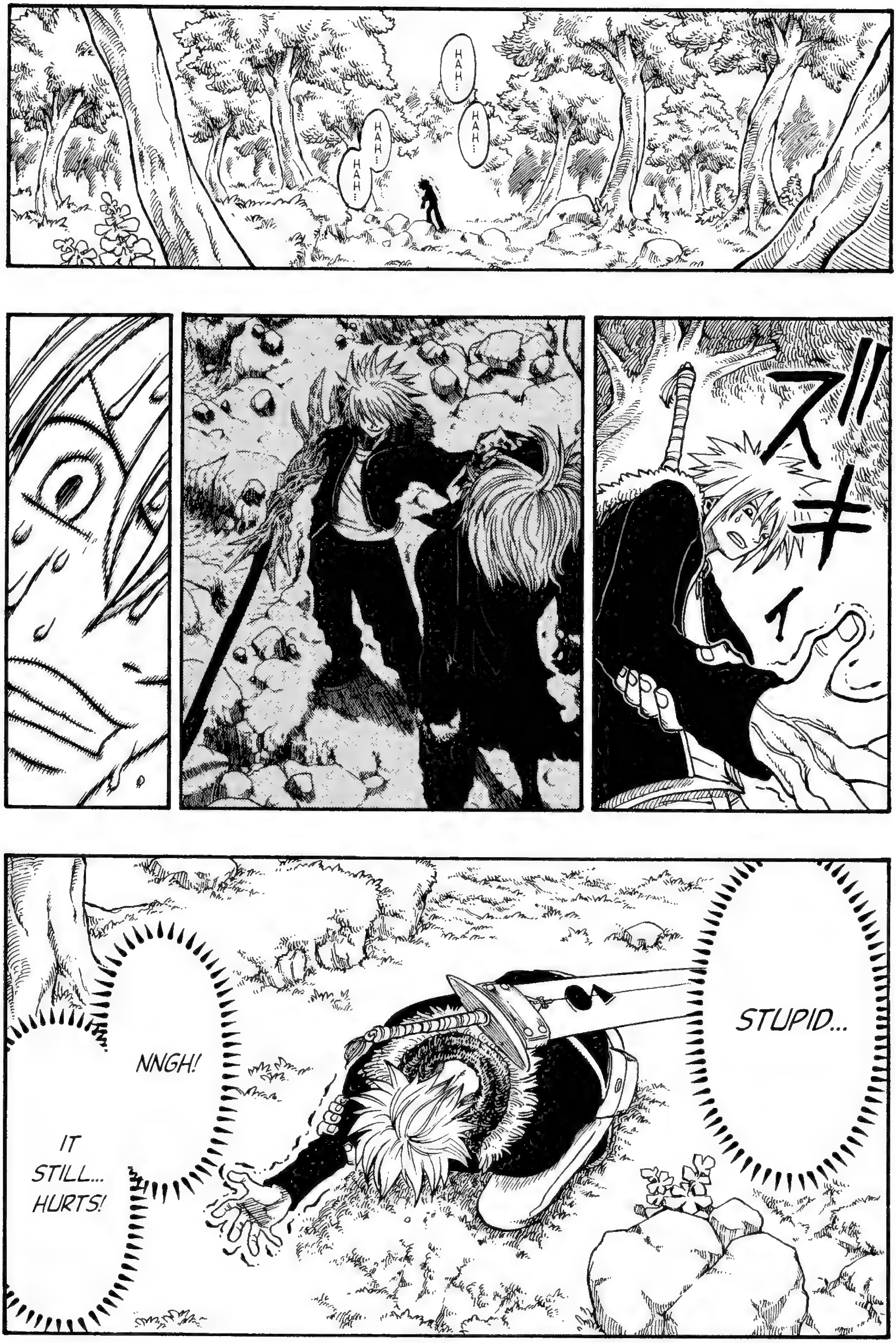
FISH STINK!! IN THE FACE!!
びちゃ
LOW ON CASH AND CHOW AGAIN?
WE'RE TRYING TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.


HAH... HAH...
HAH... HAH...
ズキィ
STUPID...
NNGH!
IT STILL... HURTS!

HEY, SAGA?
WE CAN TALK NOW.
ARE YOU POSITIVE NO ONE ELSE IS THERE?
DON'T WORRY, IT'S JUST ME...
......
WHAT?!
NOTHING.
I'M SORRY, IT'S JUST...THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME TO DO SO.
AND IT'S BAD, RIGHT? I'M GUESSING IT'S BAD.
WELL... IT'S FOR YOUR EARS ALONE.
HOLD ON A SEC!

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はあ～……
IT CAN'T BE GOOD.
NOT SO MUCH.
I'M NOT A CRYBABY, Y'KNOW.
……
OKAY…I'M READY.
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SORRY AGAIN.
THE TIME TO TELL YOU THIS HAS COME AT LAST.
YOUR JOURNEY IS NEARING ITS END.
ELIE, LISTEN TO ME VERY CAREFULLY.
IF THIS BATTLE ENDS SAFELY…

...THEN YOU'LL NEVER SEE THE OTHERS AGAIN.

ELIE!
HEY!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUT HERE?

OH! UH, HARU!
I'M JUST... SITTING. YEAH. EVERYTHING'S TOTALLY FINE!
?
C'MERE AND HANG OUT WITH ME.
FOR REAL?
YUP. PARK YOUR BUTT RIGHT HERE.
YOU OKAY, ELIE?
SHAAAAAA!!
!!

YOUR LECHERY ENDS NOW!
PA-CHA!!
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GAGH!!
THAT HURT! WHAT'D I DO?!
YOU ARE A POOR ALLY OF JUSTICE!
EN GARDE!
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USE YOUR PEABRAIN, PEABRAIN!
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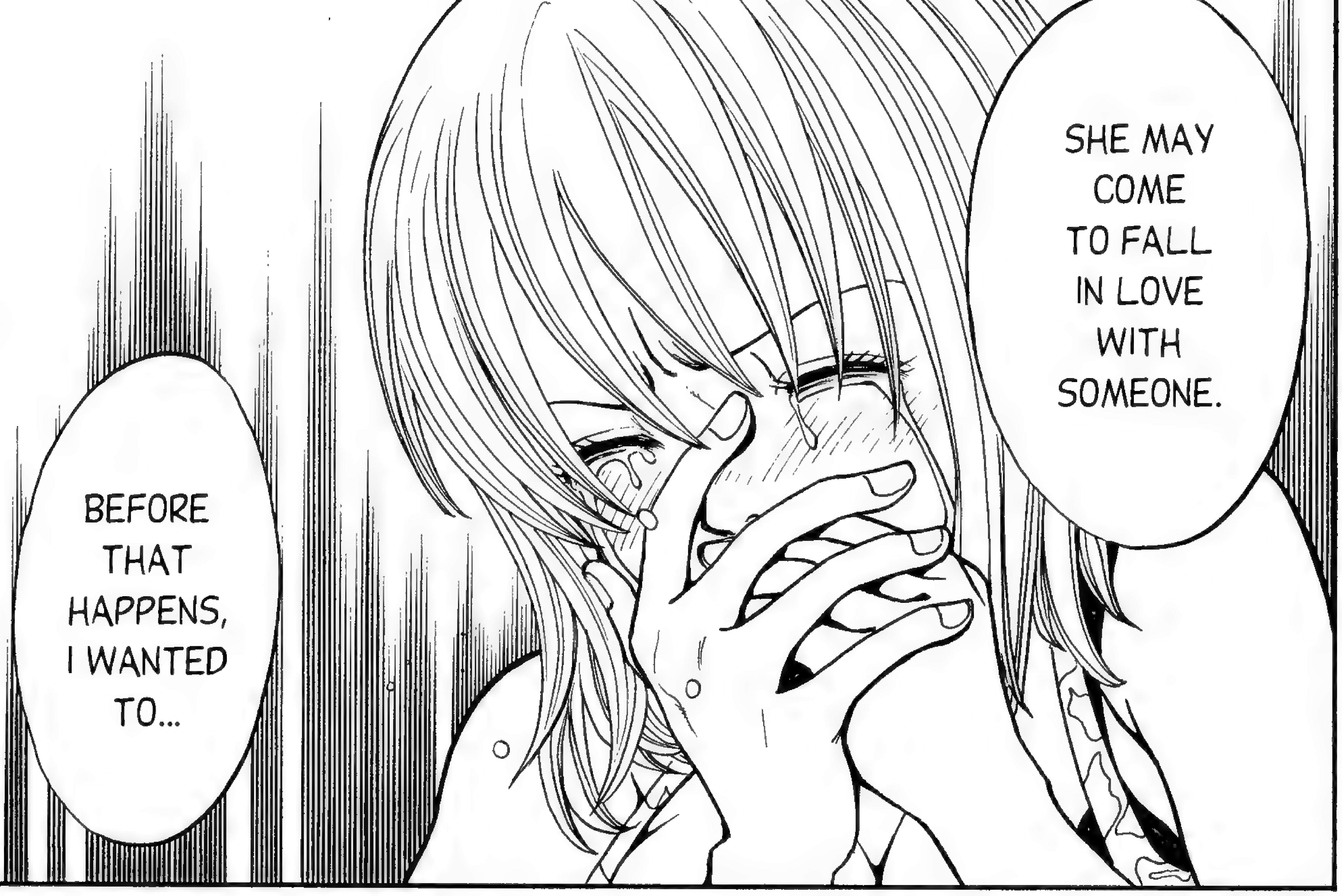
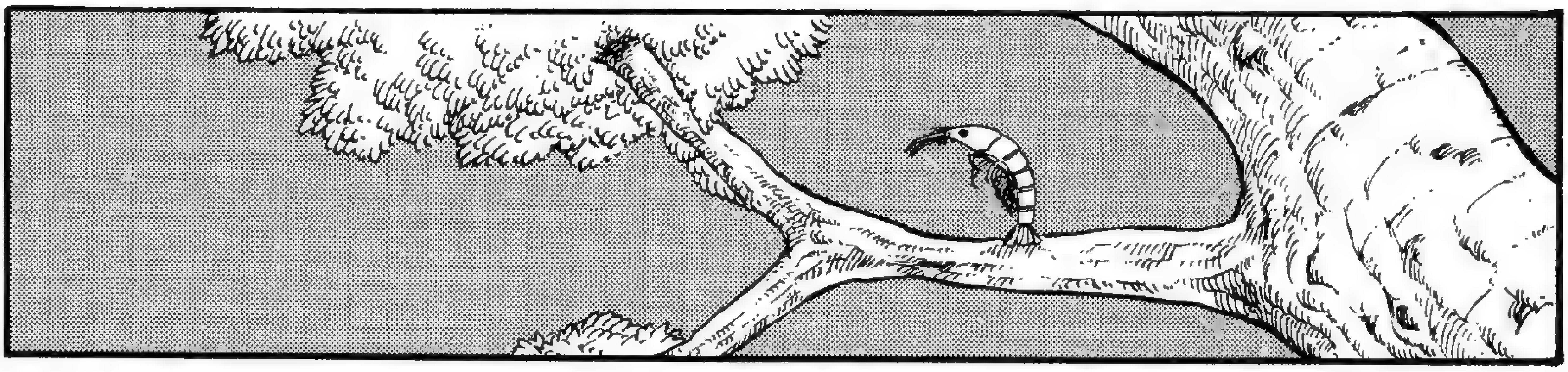
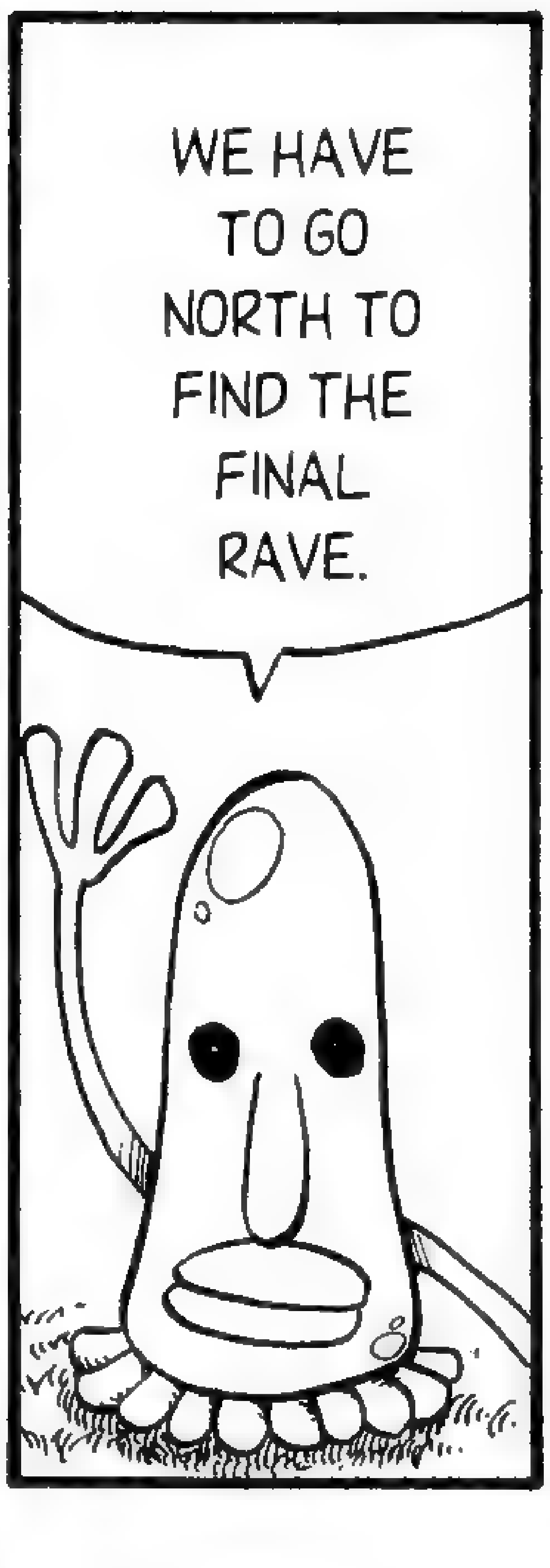
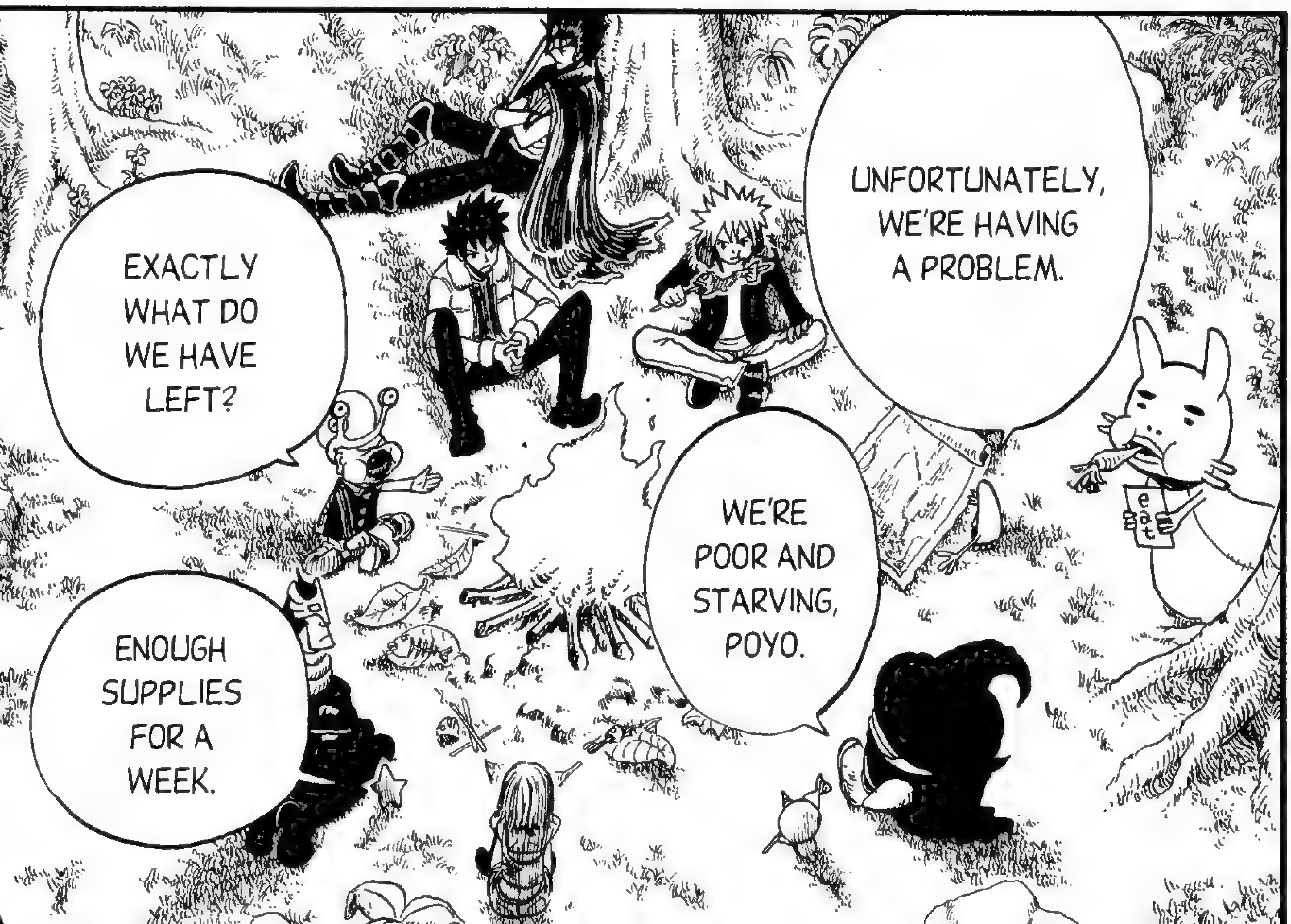
ポカ
……
HA HA HA HA HA!!
HA HA HA HA...

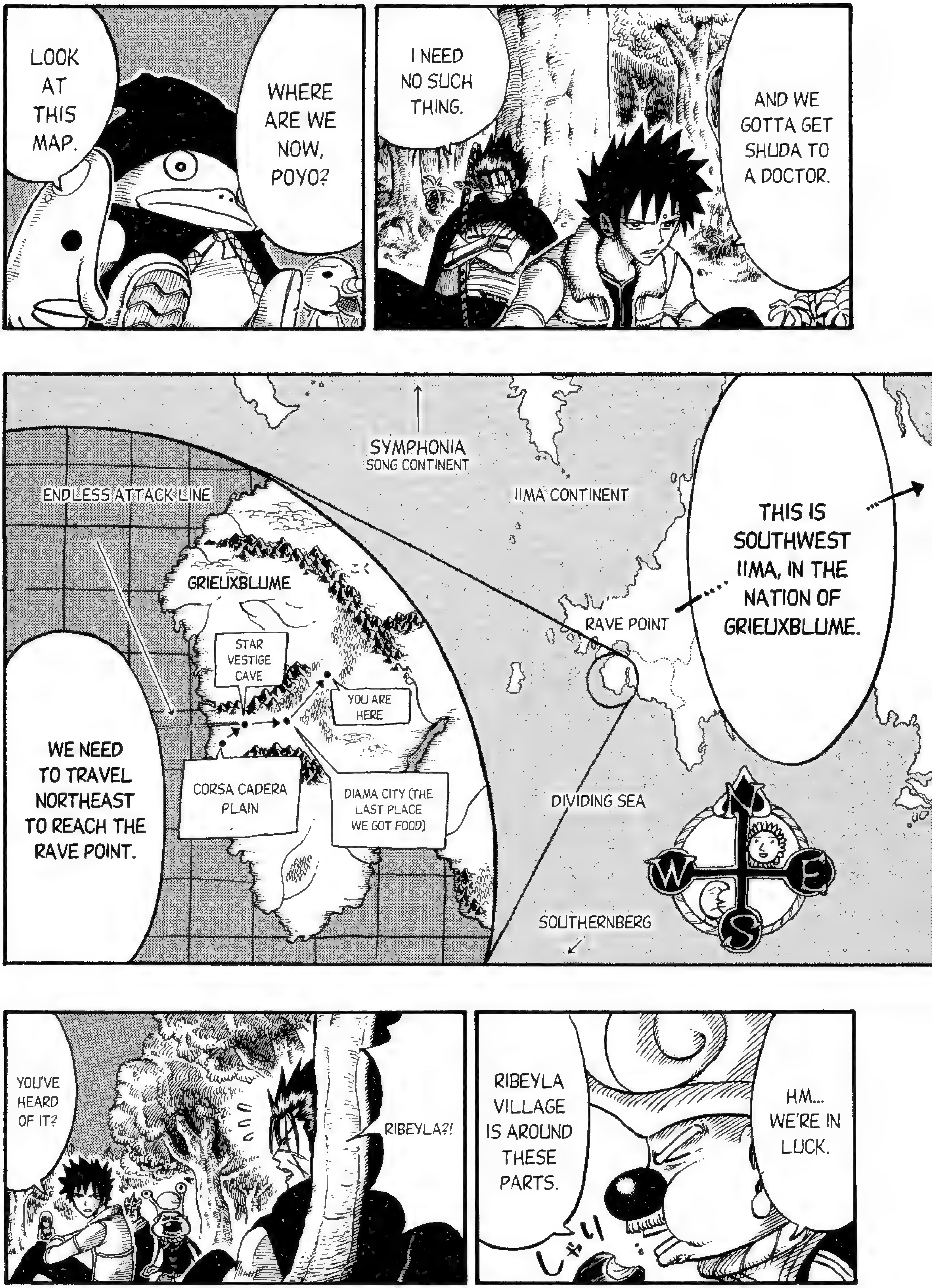
M-MASTER SAGA, HOW COULD YOU DO SUCH A THING?
SOB
IT'S TOO SOON FOR THE GIRL!
NO...IT MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE.
SHE'S TOO FOND OF HER FRIENDS, I'M AFRAID.
AND SHE'S AT A DANGEROUS AGE.


SHE MAY COME TO FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE.
BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, I WANTED TO...




WE HAVE TO GO NORTH TO FIND THE FINAL RAVE.


UNFORTUNATELY, WE'RE HAVING A PROBLEM.
eat
WE'RE POOR AND STARVING, POYO.
EXACTLY WHAT DO WE HAVE LEFT?
ENOUGH SUPPLIES FOR A WEEK.


AND WE GOTTA GET SHUDA TO A DOCTOR.
I NEED NO SUCH THING.
WHERE ARE WE NOW, POYO?
LOOK AT THIS MAP.
THIS IS SOUTHWEST IIMA, IN THE NATION OF GRIEUXBLUME.
SYMPHONIA SONG CONTINENT
IIMA CONTINENT
RAVE POINT
DIVIDING SEA
SOUTHERNBERG
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W
ENDLESS ATTACK LINE
GRIEUXBLUME
STAR VESTIGE CAVE
YOU ARE HERE
CORSA CADERA PLAIN
DIAMA CITY (THE LAST PLACE WE GOT FOOD)
WE NEED TO TRAVEL NORTHEAST TO REACH THE RAVE POINT.
HM... WE'RE IN LUCK.
RIBEYLA VILLAGE IS AROUND THESE PARTS.
じゃり
RIBEYLA?!
YOU'VE HEARD OF IT?

AND HERE'S THE KICKER, KIDS-- RIBEYLA HAS A **DANCE CONTEST** THIS TIME OF YEAR!
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HEH...
I'VE MORE THAN HEARD OF IT-- I'VE BEEN THERE.
くねっ
THE WINNER BRINGS HOME A MILLION EDEL!
THAT'S IT!!
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くね くね
HMPH. ALTHOUGH I'D CUT THE MEANEST RUG YOU LITTLE BOYS COULD EVER SEE...
...WITH THESE WOUNDS, I'M STUCK WATCHING. I GUESS THERE'S FUN IN THAT.
WHA--?!
HEH HEH...
NO WAY YOU KNOW HOW TO DANCE!
SHUDA... WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

I WAS KING OF THE BALLET AS A KID.
もっ
Men don't wear those.
B... BALLET?
あたふた
DUDE, I CAN TOTALLY SEE THAT!
Never realized.
HOW LONG 'TIL THE EVENT?
HMM... GOES UP THROUGH AUGUST, I'M PRETTY SURE.
THEN THAT GIVES US TIME TO TRAIN. SAY GOODBYE TO OUR MONEY PROBLEMS.
LET'S HEAD OUT TO THE DANCING MECCA RIBEYLA.

Puun!!
WE'RE OFF TO RIBEYLA, TO TRIUMPH AT THE DANCE CONTEST!
THERE'S A BIG HOSPITAL THERE, TOO.
THEN THAT SETTLES IT, HM?
IF 'TWERE A BEAUTY CONTEST, MISTRESS ELIE WOULD WIN.
THEY WON'T BE COMPETING.
GOTCHA, POYO.
THE ETHNIC DANCING FROM GARAGE KICKS PANTSUIT!
HA! IT'S A BATTLE OF THE DANCE, HARU! THINK YOU CAN KEEP UP!
SOMETHIN' WRONG, ELIE?
N-NO, I'M FINE.
A DANCING CONTEST, HUH?
?
OH...BE STILL MY HEART!

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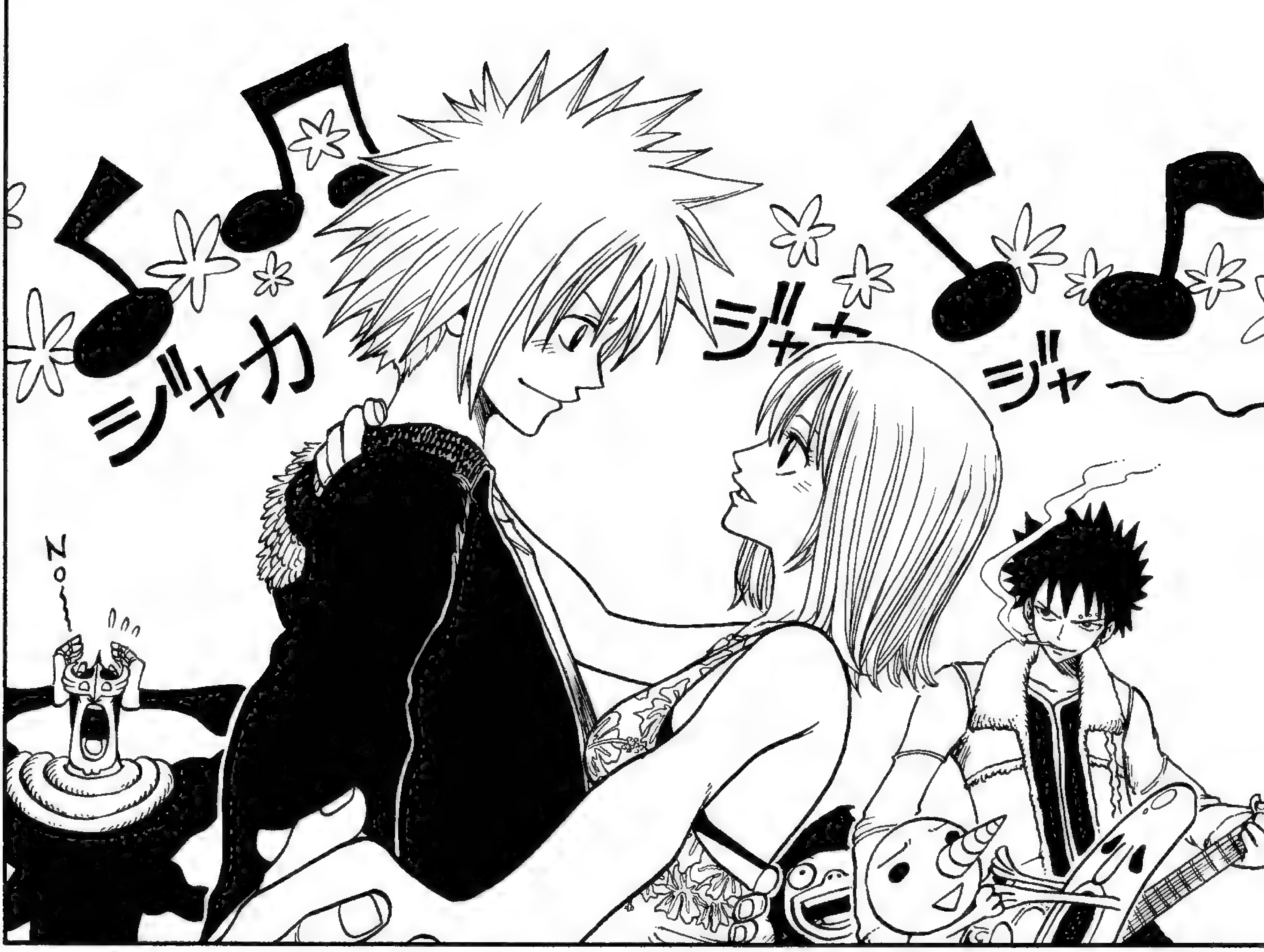
GOT IT!
くるんっ
I'M GONNA DANCE US TO FIRST PLACE!
HUZZAH! MISTRESS ELIE CAN WIN ANYTHING!
THE GIRL'S IN BLOOM, ALL RIGHT.

HM.
HARU, DANCE WITH ME!
GRAB
!
UH... SURE!
LET'S GET US SOME TUNES TO SET THE MOOD.
- Silver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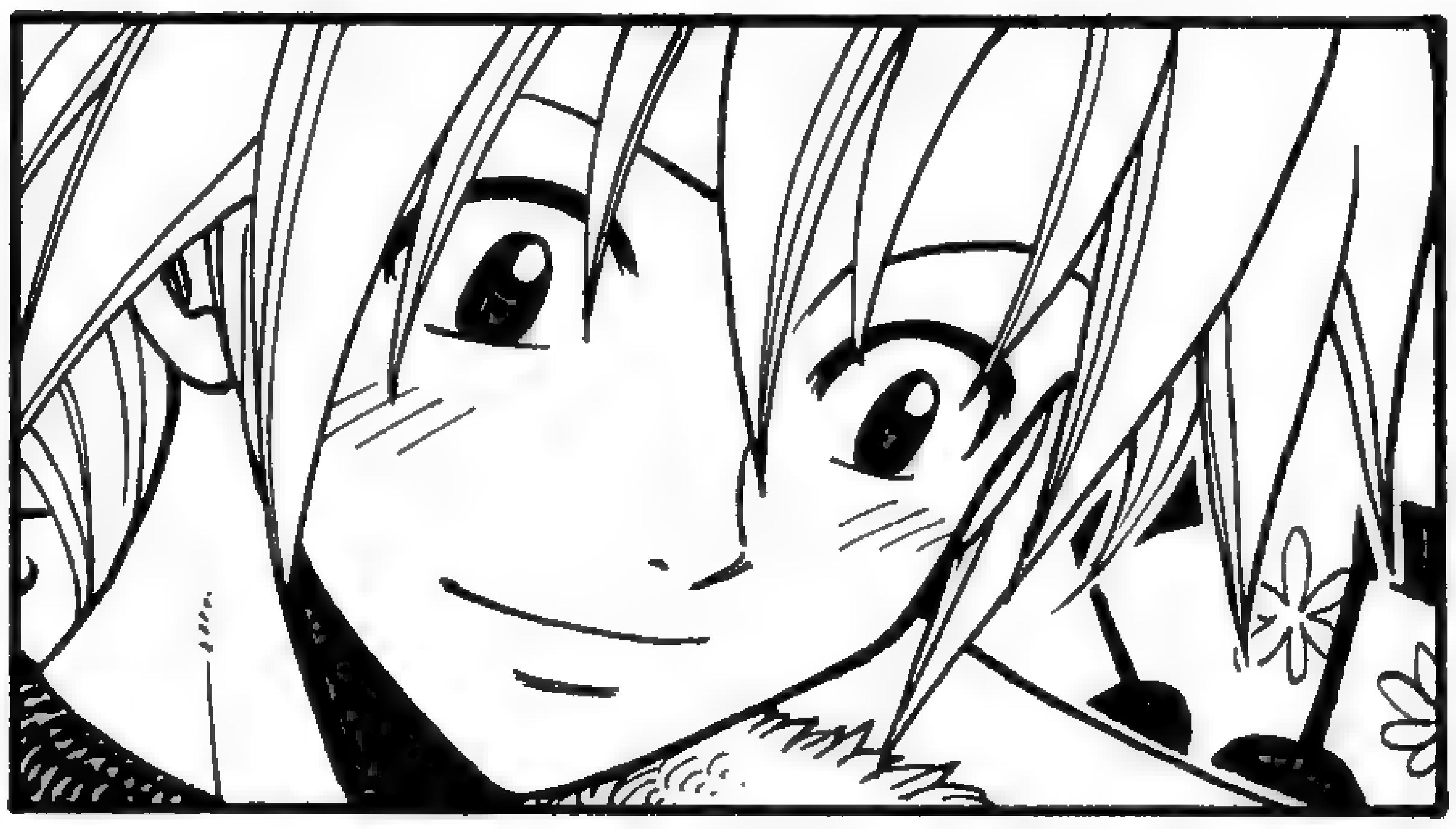
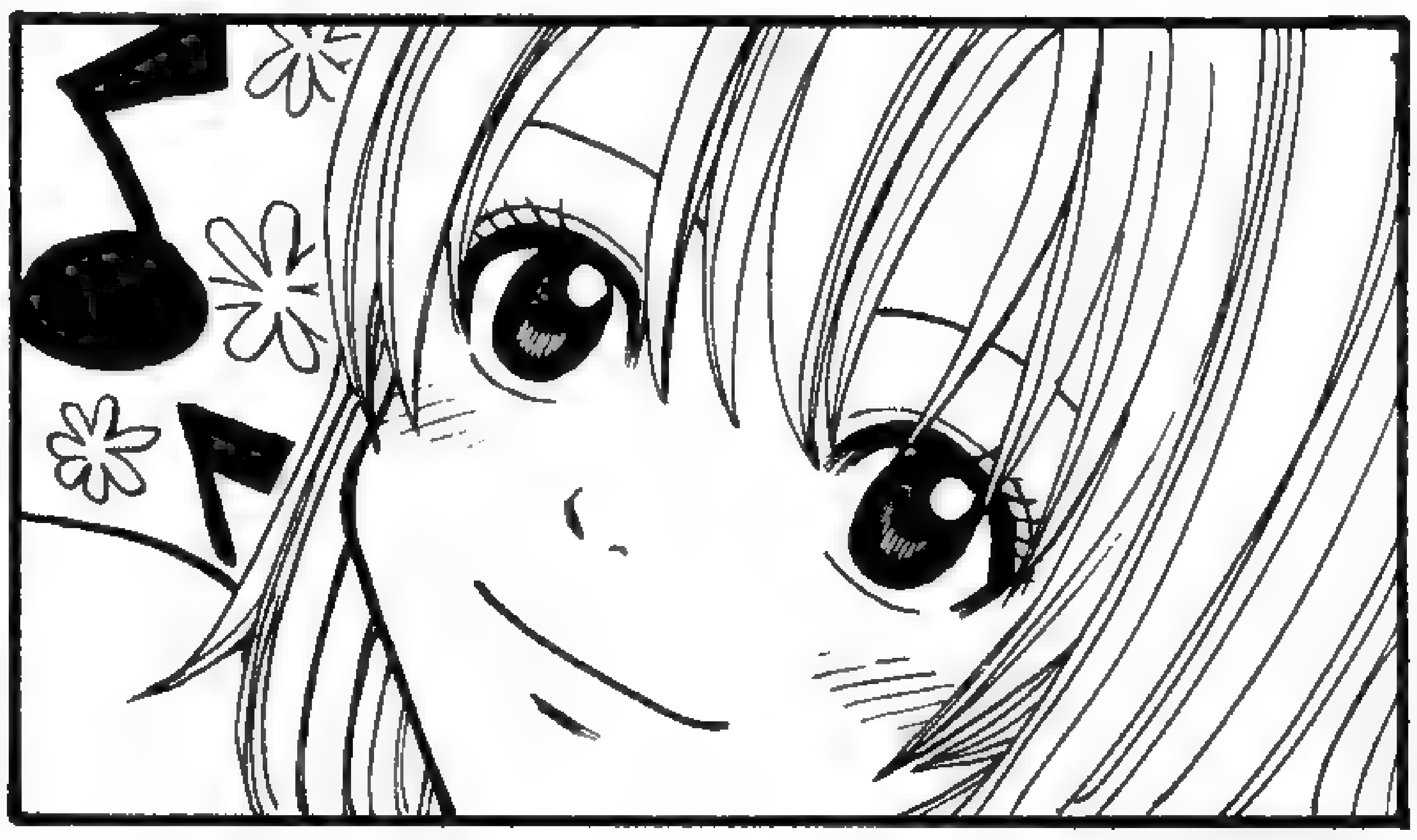
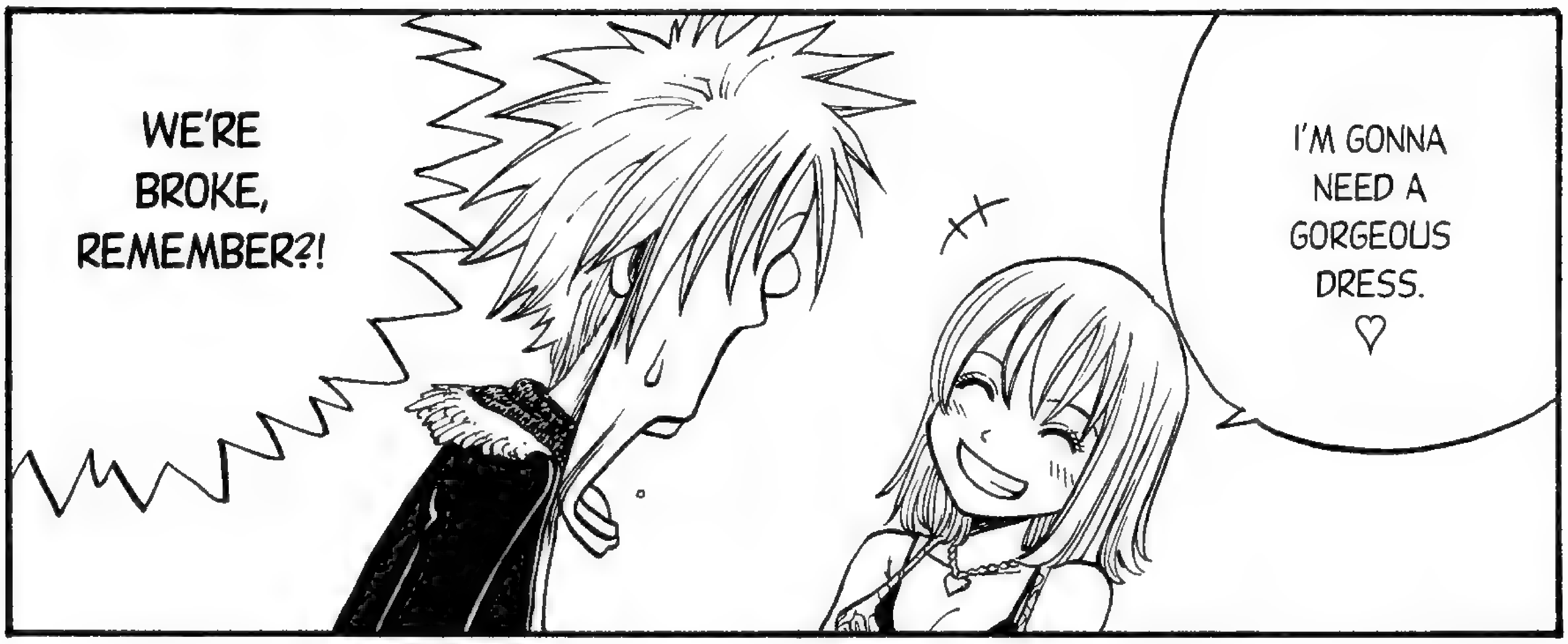
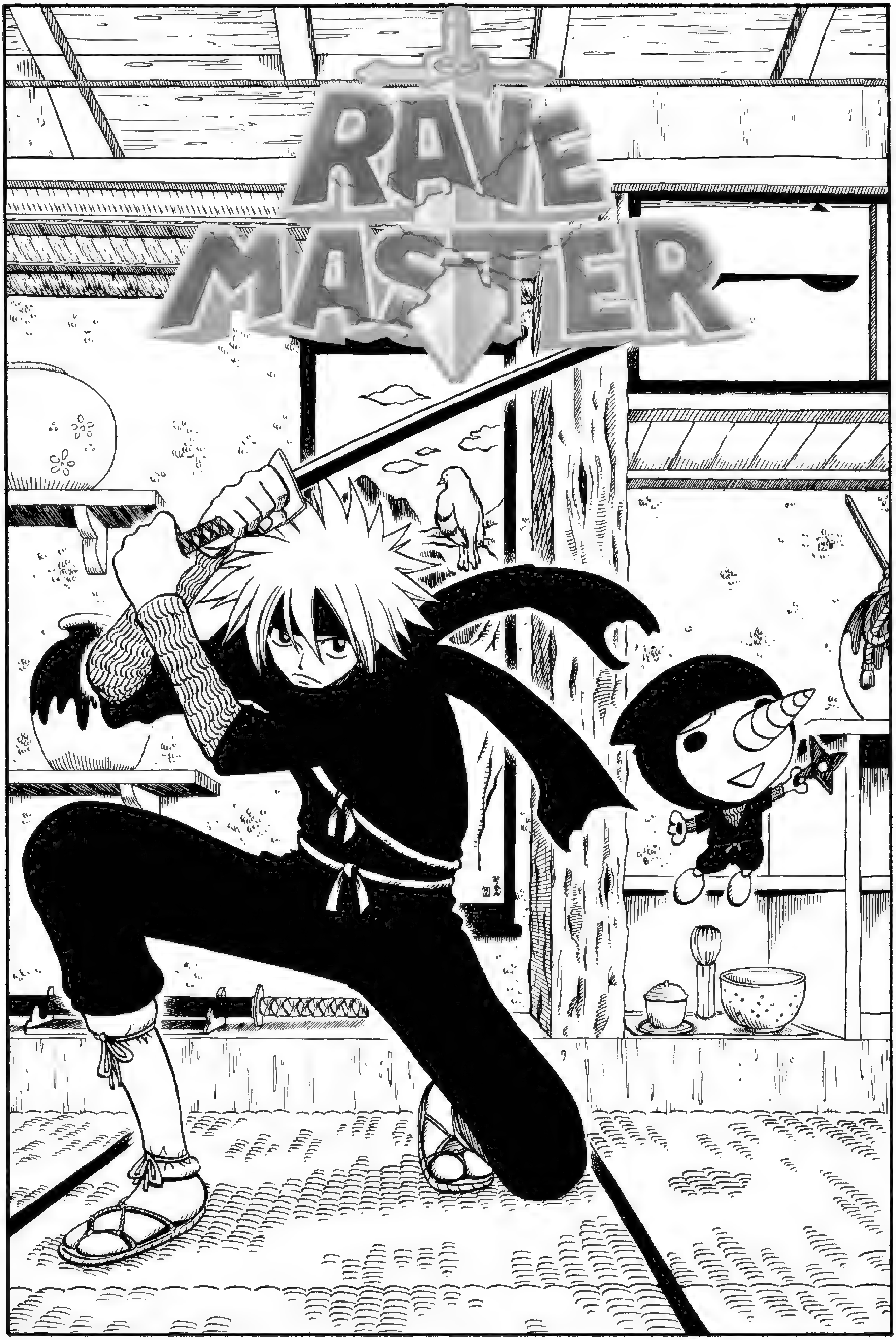


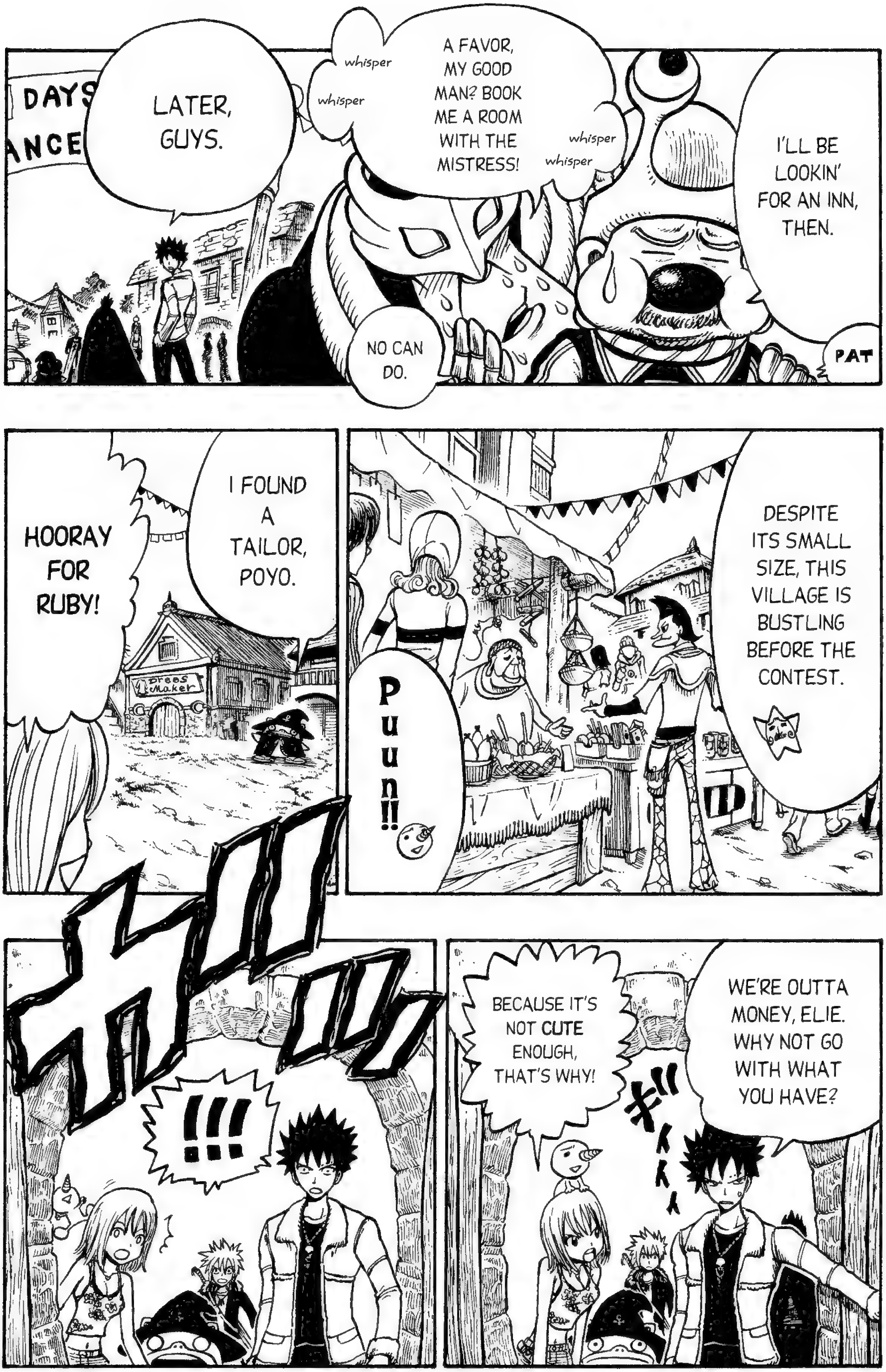



I'M GONNA NEED A GORGEOUS DRESS. ♡
WE'RE BROKE, REMEMBER?!


RAVE MASTER

RAVE:179 ✚ VILLAGE OF THE DANCE?!

Ribeyla, Village of Dancers
RIBEYLA
4 DAYS TO GO UNTIL THE DANCE CONTEST
4 days until the Dance Contest!
WAIT-- WE'VE ONLY GOT FOUR DAYS?!
WE'LL NEED MORE LESSONS THAN THAT.
LET'S HURRY UP AND GET MY COSTUME!
I INSIST THAT IT BE SEXY.


DAYS
ANCE
I'LL BE LOOKIN' FOR AN INN, THEN.
PAT
A FAVOR, MY GOOD MAN? BOOK ME A ROOM WITH THE MISTRESS!
whisper
whisper
whisper
whisper
NO CAN DO.
LATER, GUYS.
DESPITE ITS SMALL SIZE, THIS VILLAGE IS BUSTLING BEFORE THE CONTEST.
Puun!!
I FOUND A TAILOR, POYO.
Dress Maker
HOORAY FOR RUBY!
WE'RE OUTTA MONEY, ELIE. WHY NOT GO WITH WHAT YOU HAVE?
BECAUSE IT'S NOT CUTE ENOUGH, THAT'S WHY!
!!!

ッッコオォン
WHAT THE DEVIL IS WRONG WITH YOU?!
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ガラ
ガシャン
THIS ISN'T MY COLOR!
I'm sensitive like that.
B-BUT IT'S EXACTLY AS ORDERED, SIR.
"AS ORDERED"?
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THIS IS A CLOWN COSTUME.
DID I ASK FOR A CLOWN SUIT? DID I?! I ASKED FOR URBAN GOODS!

I CAN'T ENTER THE CONTEST LOOKING LIKE A FRUITCAKE!
RE-DO IT OR I'M NOT PAYING!
BUT SIR...!
ANY COSTUME'LL DO. WON'T IT, BRANCH?
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REEEALLY? WELL, WHEN MIKA-BABY PUTS IT THAT WAY...
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HMPH! A CLOWN! THE NERVE!
かぁ～
PTOOEY
B-- BRANCH.
?
NOW, IT'S TIME FOR MIKA-BABY'S DANCE LESSONS! ♡
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YOU DISGUSTING, LIMP-WRISTED SISSY!!
WH-WHAT THE HELL IS ALL THIS?!
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!!
YEEEEEK!!
H-HARU?!

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED, YOU LITTLE FREAK!
WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
EASY!
YOU KNOW HIM?
HARU KNOWING PEOPLE IS RARE, POYO.
LOOK, MAN-- JUST CALM DOWN. WHO IS THIS GUY?
SOMEONE I HATE.
HARU HATING PEOPLE IS ALSO RARE.
HE USED TO LIVE ON GARAGE ISLAND.
ME?! DON'T BE ABSURD!
MIKA-BABY, HONESTLY--I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS BUMPKIN!
THIS MONSTER...

...USED TO DATE MY SISTER!
NO FRIGGIN' WAY!
TWITCH
YOU'RE A LONG WAY FROM HOME, AREN'T YOU, HARU?
OOOH, THAT'S RIGHT. CATTY'S WAITING UP FOR ME.
LIKE HELL SHE IS!
YOU MADE SIS CRY FOR DAYS, YOU SQUARE-EYED FREAKFACE!
IF CATTY COULDN'T TAKE IT, THEN THAT'S HER PROBLEM.

REALLY?!
SHUDA, CALM DOWN!
CUT YOU.
YEEEEK!!
HEY, GET IN LINE!
THAT... THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO!
AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ANYWAY?!
OH! YOU MUST BE ENTERING THE DANCE CONTEST, HM?
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BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME, HARU. YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THE LIKES OF ME.
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ALL MUST BOW TO GARAGE'S TOP DANCER!
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THAT TRUE, HARU?
....

WE, THE "LUV-DUBS"...
...WILL TAKE HOME THE GRAND PRIZE!
LUV... WHAT?!
YOU WISH.
INDEED! SHUDA IS THE CONTINENT'S TOP--
YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU'RE DEAD.
SMACK
RESTRAIN YOURSELF, SIR!!
ガチャ
EVERYONE, CALM DOWN, POYO!
Puun!!
PRECISELY. THIS ISN'T THE PLACE FOR YOUR BARBARIC BEHAVIOR.
IN THE VILLAGE OF THE DANCE, WE SETTLE THINGS ON STAGE.
FINE. IN FOUR DAYS, MY **PUPILS** WILL MOP THE FLOOR WITH YOU.
WHAT?!

YOU STAND LITTLE TO NO CHANCE AGAINST YOUR **SUPERIORS**.
GOOD LUCK WITH THAT. HA!
HEY!!
!
がたっ
I'LL PAY WHATEVER YOU'RE ASKING. JUST DO IT LIKE HE WANTS.
ER... ALL RIGHT.
たんっ
MIKA-BABY, HURRY UP!
Haru, cool it!
Master Shuda, sheathe that!

THAT OUGHTA DO IT. NOW WE HAVE A PLACE TO STAY.
WHY DIDN'T YOU ROOM ME WITH MISTRESS ELIE, MY SNAIL-LIKE FRIEND?
A HERO MUST PROTECT HIS TENDER HEROINE!
Think about it!
THAT'S RIGHT!
I FORGOT TO GET YOU A ROOM.
EGAD!!
EEEEK!!
ピクッ

THAT THIEF HAS MY PURSE!
NYEE HEE!
HMPH!
THIEVES COME WITH THE CROWDS. SHAME.
THIS INJUSTICE MUST NOT PASS!
HO!!
WOOSH
HNH! HE'S A SPEEDY LITTLE KNAVE!
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NYEEE?!
ばっ
THEN TAKE... THIS!
ULTRA WHITE SUPER FIRE CANNON NEXT GENERATION!!
ゴアアアアア
NYEE?!

ヒラ…
バアアア
WHAT'S THIS?!
YOU! HELPING A VILLAIN ESCAPE IS EQUALLY EVIL!

YOUR FIRE WOULD HAVE KILLED HIM.
LET'S SETTLE THIS PEACEFULLY, SHALL WE?
ヒラ
!
ドン
OOOOOH.
UNCLE?
ER... WHO'RE THESE FOLKS?
HOW DARE YOU STOOP SO LOW AS TO STEAL THE STAGE FROM A HERO!
EN GARDE!!

IN THE VILLAGE OF THE DANCE, DUELS ARE BY PERFORMANCE.
FWOOSH
Oooooh!
AS YOU WISH!
ドンタタッ♪
ズンタタッ♪
ドドンドン
ズタタ
ズンタタタ!
CHECK IT OUT--TWO MASKED DANCERS!
IS IT A FIGHT? COOL!
THEY'RE NOT HALF-BAD!
SHE'S GOOD!
I'M IMPRESSED.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
HM.
!!
AH! ER, I CAN EXPLAIN.
あたふた…
AND ARE THESE THE CONTESTANTS FOR OUR DANCE COMPETITION?
Puun!!
MASTER PLUE, PLEASE DON'T! WE'LL ONLY LOOK SUSPICIOUS.

D
I'M SORRY TO SAY THAT WE, THE **DRAGON DANCERS**, WILL STILL TRIUMPH OVER YOU!
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舞
...THIS PLACE IS WEIRD.
WE'RE GONNA **WIN**, LOSERS!
WELL, WELL ...
CLAP
I WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU DANCE.
CLAP
CLAP

ピュル‥
BUT WE **LUV-DUBS** WILL TAKE THE TOP PRIZE.
THE MILLION EDEL IS AS GOOD AS OURS!
WHO'S THAT? EW.
GET YOUR UGLY MUG OUTTA MY FACE, BRANCH.
ざわ
ざわ
MM? PLANNING TO BE VIOLENT IN A PUBLIC PLACE, LITTLE BOY?
CAN'T ENTER THE CONTEST THEN.
ざわ
MM?
MM?
....
WELL, THIS SHOULD BE INTERESTING.
Puun!!
ENJOY WASTING YOUR TIME UNTIL THEN. TOODLES!
I LOOK FORWARD TO THE MAIN EVENT.
RRGH!
ボッ
LOOK...
YOU'RE FREE TO ENTER THE CONTEST...
...BUT STAY AWAY FROM BRANCH.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, HE'S A DEMON CARD CAPTAIN.
MIKA-BABY, COME ALONG!
......
BRANCH... IS IN DEMON CARD?!
HMPH.
LOOK TO **AVOID** TROUBLE, AND IT COMES **LOOKIN'** FOR YOU.

RAVE MASTER

RAVE:180 ✚ SWAYING HEARTS

BRANCH IS IN DEMON CARD?!
DETAILS, PLEASE.
THEN HE...
...HE...

GET BACK HERE, BRANCH!!
!!!...
HARU!
YOU'RE NOT LEAVING 'TILL WE TALK, LADY!
くるりっ
HM?
WELL HELLO, HANDSOME!
LOOK-- IT... THE SIZE OF HER FACE!

...SHE'S GONE.
BRANCH!!
DON'T YOU TRY AND RUN!!
WHY ARE YOU CHASING ME, YOU BRUTE?!
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING, DUNG HEAP?!
YOU SEEMED LIKE SUCH A NICE BOY WHEN I FIRST MET YOU.
BUT YOU TAUGHT ME THE TRUE MEANING OF BRUTALITY, YOU SISTER-COMPLEX HAVIN' FREAK!

WHAT DID I DO? I DIDN'T MEAN TO MESS UP!
I TRIED TO DO EVERYTHING HE WANTED...
MAYBE I'M JUST AN IDIOT.
SEE, HARU? LOVE IS TOUGH.
HA HA!
I GUESS YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND, THOUGH.
YOU HIT HER EVERY DAY.
YOU ALWAYS MAKE HER CRY.
BUT SHE STILL SAYS SHE LOVES YOU...

DON'T YOU KNOW THAT?!
GWUFF!
DWONK
DWONK
SIS MAY LOVE YOU--BUT I HATE YOUR GUTS!!
AND NOW YOU'RE GONNA PAY!
Ultra paiN

CRAP!
THAT WALKING TURD IS FAST!
I'D PICK UP SPEED IF YOU WERE CHASIN' ME.
I GUESS HIM BEING IN DC IS ALL THE EXCUSE YOU NEED?
IT'S NOT THAT.
I KNEW HIM, Y'KNOW? AND I WANNA KNOW WHY HE JOINED DEMON CARD.
YOU'RE NOT GOOD AT HATING PEOPLE.
Just let it go.
NO!! RRGH!!
CUT US SOME SLACK, HARU–WE'VE GOT ENOUGH TROUBLE ALREADY.
HE'S HERE ON VACATION OR SOMETHING. STOP WORRYING AND TAKE IT EASY.
WANNA GO BACK TO THE INN?

WHY DID *HE* HAVE TO SHOW UP ON MY PRECIOUS VACATION?!
バッタンバッタン
THAT LITTLE LOUT!! THAT TINY FIEND!!
バキバキ
ビリビリ
CURSE YOU, HARU! CUUURSE YOOOU!
...HM?
"HARU"?
THAT'S... THE SAME NAME AS THE RAVE MASTER.
MIKA-BABY, COULD IT BE?
WA HA HA HA!! HIS LUCK'S AS BAD AS MINE!!
パンパン
DEMON CARD'S MISTAKEN HIM FOR THE RAVE MASTER!
!
RSTL
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If you want your underwear back, Miyo-baby...
...be at the red bridge at 9.
Musica
ガばッ
ギッ
PERVERT
WHEN DID HE...
THE BALL'S IN YOUR COURT, PRINCESS.
SULK
SULK
HOTEL Rile

ONE...
TWO...
THREE...
FOUR...
FIVE...
SIX...
SEVEN...
EIGHT...
WAIT A MINUTE!
WE'RE TRAINING, HARU.

WHY'RE ELIE AND LAZENBY AND PLUE AND GRIFF PAIRING UP?
MUSICA AND I GOTTA DO SOMETHING!
YOU TWO AREN'T DANCING.
CONTEST PAIRS ARE BOY-GIRL, SONNY.
MUNCH
INDEED, THE DRAGON DANCERS AND LUV-DUBS ARE MIXED-SEX.
Puun!!
THEY'RE NOT BOY-GIRL!
GRIFF'S A BOY, BUT YOU CAN'T TELL WITH PLUE, POYO.
AND WHO SAYS LITTLE MONSTER THINGS ARE ALLOWED?
I PICKED YOU TO WIN. IF YOU CAN TAKE THE TRAINING.
I'LL DO MY BEST!
'TIS FOR LOVE!
SHUDA, C'MON! CAN'T YOU DANCE INSTEAD OF LAZENBY?!
NO. NOW SCAT.
くるっ
MASTER.

IF YOU DISLIKE IT, STRIKE ME!
BISHI!
AFTER THE PUNCH OF FRIENDSHIP, ALL WILL BE FORGOTTEN.
SHADDAP!
A... K-KICK, EH?
CRIPES! TAKE IT EASY, HARU!
HE'S REALLY AGITATED, POYO.
IS THIS BECAUSE OF THAT BRANCH FELLOW?
CALM DOWN, HARU.
FORGET ABOUT HIM. THINK ONLY OF YOUR FUTURE BROTHER.
SILENCE!!
YOU'RE NOT HELPING!
WHATEVER. I'M GOIN' TO BED!
URGH...
BLEGH!
SPARED ONCE MORE...
YOU GOT EATEN AGAIN?!

WE'RE SHORT ON TIME. LET'S GO.
UH... SURE.
SLAM!
Puuun!!
BLARGH
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!
WHAT'S UP?
ERK!
LOOK, UH... SORRY. IT'S JUST BEEN A WHILE.
CRUMBS, THAT'S A LOT.
HOTEL Rile

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DAMMIT! I CAN'T SLEEP!
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ギラ…
AND THE SUN WENT DOWN A WHILE AGO.
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ONE…
TWO…
THREE…
FOUR…
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SLIIDE
Strain for v ry!
Reverse turn
THEY'RE STILL TRAINING?
Whoa!
'CEPT PLUE, I GUESS.

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ドキドキ
SIS AND BRANCH... THEY USED TO GO OUT, RIGHT?
ELIE! I WANT A SMILE ON THAT FACE!
I WONDER WHAT DATING A GIRL FEELS LIKE.
OKAY!
SOMEDAY, I'M GONNA...
CRAP! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
MAYBE I SHOULD GO FOR A WALK.

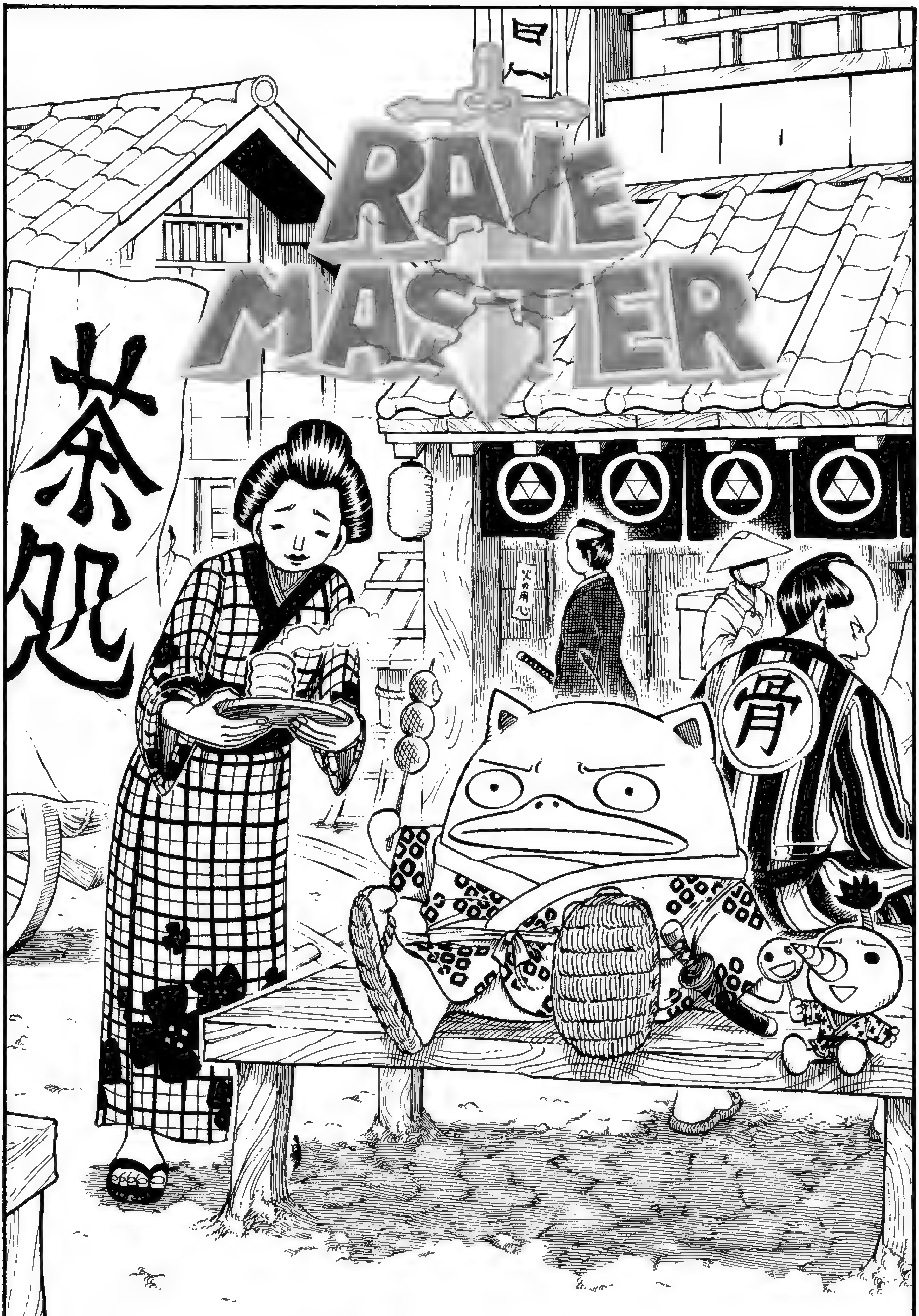
LOOK WHO'S HERE.
LITTLE MISS NO-DRAWERS MIYO.
I'M WEARING NEW ONES, IF THAT'S WHAT YOUR FILTHY MIND IS THINKING.
HERE. I WAS JUST BORROWING 'EM, ANYWAY.
ヒラリ
WHAT DO YOU WANT? I DIDN'T COME FOR THE UNMENTIONABLES.
ビシッ
YOU WANTED TO TALK?
EASE UP, MIYO.
I'M STARVING. WANNA GRAB A BITE?
OOF!
スタッ

MY NAME'S NOT MIYO.
AND IT'S NOT MIKA EITHER.
RIGHT?
WHO...ARE YOU?
TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUTTA MY MOUTH.

YOU'RE NOT TIGHT WITH THAT GUY.
YOU GOT CLOSE BECAUSE HE'S DC.
AND WHAT IF I'M DC? OUR RELATIONSHIP IS PURELY PROFESSIONAL.
NO.
YOU'RE NOT DC.
I KNOW THE DC WOMEN.
YOU'RE NOT ONE OF 'EM.

STICK YOUR NECK IN FURTHER AND I'LL SLICE RIGHT THROUGH IT!
SORRY, BUT I'VE NEVER GONE EASY ON GIRLS JUST 'CAUSE THEY MAKE A SAD FACE.
YOU MUST THINK YOU'RE TOUGH, GOING AGAINST DEMON CARD ALONE.

HMPH!
I'M DONE HERE.
くるっ
HAVE FUN WHEN THE CONTEST BLOWS YOUR TINY MIND.
......
LOOK WHAT I GOT!
ヒラッ
!
LECH.
WHAT THE?!
belt
スルッ
SO THE NAME IS FAKE.
Whatever—that's peanuts.
MY MONEY'S ON THIS CONTEST HIDING A BIG SURPRISE.


RAVE MASTER
茶処
火の用心
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RAVE:181 ✠ DAWN OF THE DANCE CONTEST

Day of the Dance Contest-- Morning!
ter moon
AND THIS FIERY LITTLE PIECE IS... FOR, UH, YOU, SIR?
NO, POYO.
IT'S A SECRET, POYO.
AH, SO IT'S A PRESENT! IT'LL LOOK SMASHING ON A YOUNG LADY.
A SECRET, POYO.

HEY, RUBY!
!
H-HARU, POYO! WHY ARE YOU HERE, POYO?!
BREAKFAST. EVERYONE'S BUSY, SO I WENT TO GRAB SOMETHING.
YOU SHOPPING?
IT'S A SECRET, POYO!
GRIFF ASKED ME TO GET ELIE'S COSTUME, BUT IT'S A SECRET, POYO!
ELIE'S... GONNA WEAR THAT?
I THOUGHT WE WERE BROKE.
IT'S A SECRET, POYO! AND GRIFF HAS WEIRD TASTE, POYO!
GET REAL! THAT SKIMPY THING'S NOT...
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NOT...

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adi
ARE YOU SURE WE WON'T GET IN TROUBLE?
WOULD YOU LIKE IT OR NOT, SIR?
SECRET, POYO!
SO THAT'S A CIVILIZED MAN'S TASTES!
WOOOW.
YEEE!
TEE HEE!
NOW. YOU SEE THIS SOUP? IT'S TASTY, BUT IT NEEDS SALT.
REALLY?
WOW!
ADD A LITTLE SALT AND YOU'LL BE DINING IN HEAVEN.

SLURP
MMM... SALTY.
IT TASTES LIKE THIS IN MY CITY.
Where we're civilized, y'see.
AMAZING, MR. BRANCH! YOU REALLY ARE CIVILIZED!
WE'RE SO GLAD TO MEET YOU!
HA HA HA! YOU CAN SPOT COUNTRY YOKELS FROM 30 PACES.
A PURE CITY BOY LIKE ME IS FAR DIFFERENT.
WHY DON'T YOU ASK US OUT, MR. BRANCH?!
Ha ha ha ha ha!
SIP
ピクッ
OOH.
SURE.
EXCUSE ME! DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, SIR?!
HO HO.
ずか ずか
MR. BRANCH, TELL US MORE!
BEGGING YOUR PARDON?

BAH.
A CIVILIZED LIFE IS ALWAYS BUSY, LADIES.
BWA HA HA HA HA HA!!
THAT'S IT, YOU GEEZER!
DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ME?!
HUH?!
ガタ!
DO YOU REALIZE WHO I AM?!
WE'RE... NOT ACQUAINTED, NO.
HO HO!
STOP LAUGHING!!
IT'S JUST...YOU SPOUT YOUR "CITY MAN" TALK WITH A GARAGE ISLAND ACCENT.
HO HO!
......
GARAGE?! THAT'S EVEN MORE REMOTE THAN HERE!
BUT HE GETS ALL PRICKLY WHEN WE TALK ABOUT RURAL STUFF!
HE'S REALLY A BUMPKIN? AW, NUTS!
BRANCH IS KINDA A GARAGE NAME.
DON'T SAY THAT!
OPEN
ONLY GARBAGE COULD LIVE IN A BACKWATER DUMP LIKE THAT.
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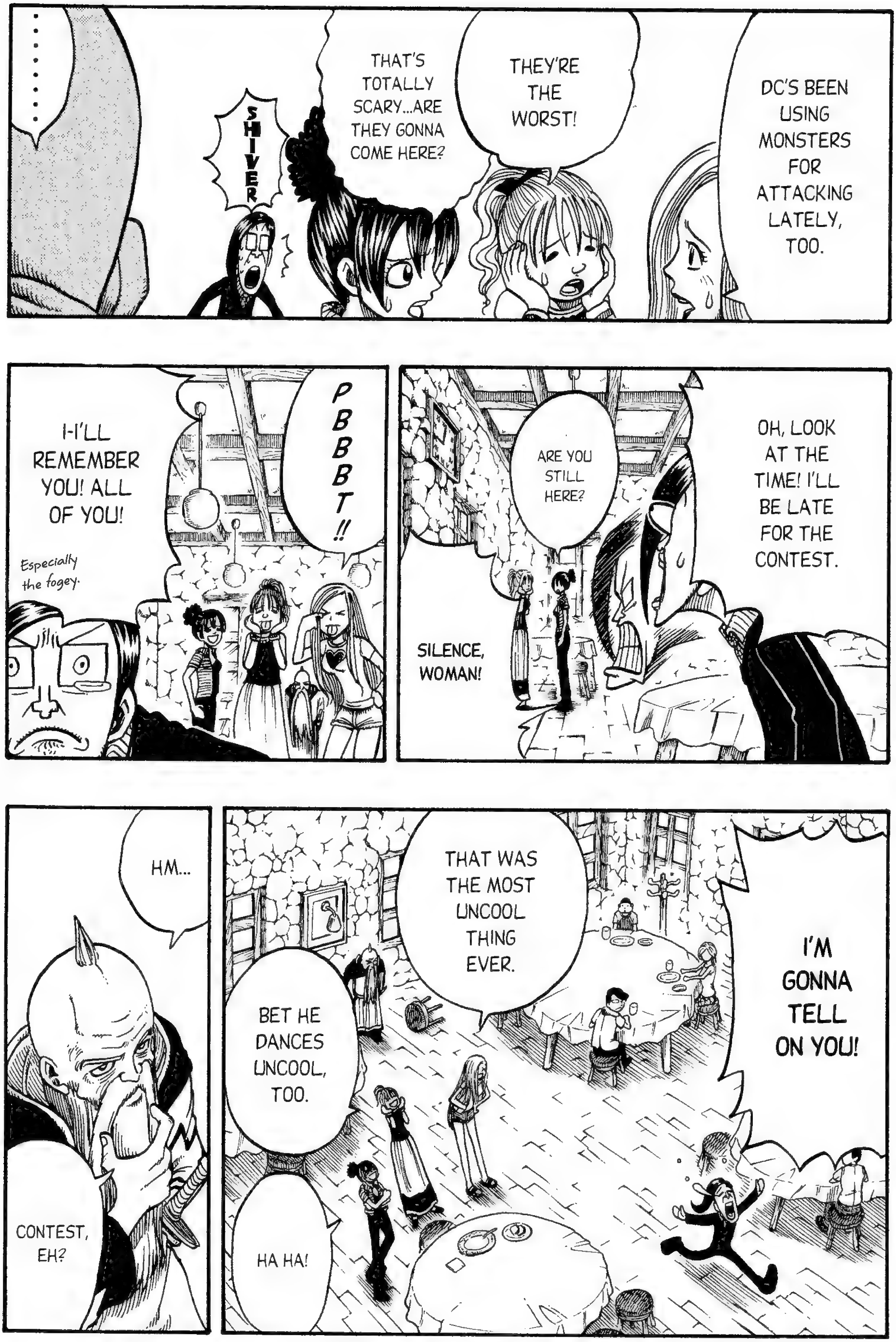
GARBAGE?
IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK OF THE PEOPLE OF GARAGE?
!!!
シャキィィィ
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.
POKE

IT'S RURAL, OF COURSE... BUT THE PEOPLE ARE KIND.
I CHERISH THAT PLACE. BADMOUTH IT AGAIN AND YOU'LL BE EATING MY SWORD.
...OKAY.
ポカーン
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.
SHNK
N-NOT AT ALL.
ポツーン
THAT WAS AMAZING!!
EEEEK!
SO KEWL!
UH?
......

DID YOU COME FROM GARAGE TO SEE THE CONTEST?
ER, JUST PASSING THROUGH.
I'LL BE LEAVING SOON.
WOW! A TRAVELING SWORDSMAN!
THAT'S FABULOUS!
WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?
UM, UH...
G-GRIEUXBLUME, LIBÉRÉ, SCARABEO... HEADING NORTHEAST.
I'M BURIED IN GIRLS! MY DREAM'S FINALLY COME TRUE!
*MAP BELOW
ととっ!!!
HO?!
GRANDPA... YOU'D BE BETTER OFF STAYING HERE.
* DC TERRITORY
Scarabeo
GRIEUXBLUME
RIBEYLA
Libéré
THAT'S DC TERRITORY!
THE LIBERATION FORCES MADE A REAL MESS OF IT.


DC'S BEEN USING MONSTERS FOR ATTACKING LATELY, TOO.
THEY'RE THE WORST!
THAT'S TOTALLY SCARY...ARE THEY GONNA COME HERE?
SHIVER
....
OH, LOOK AT THE TIME! I'LL BE LATE FOR THE CONTEST.
ARE YOU STILL HERE?
SILENCE, WOMAN!
PBBBT!!
I-I'LL REMEMBER YOU! ALL OF YOU!
Especially the fogey.
I'M GONNA TELL ON YOU!
THAT WAS THE MOST UNCOOL THING EVER.
BET HE DANCES UNCOOL, TOO.
HA HA!
HM...
CONTEST, EH?

HARU, POYO! HURRY, POYO!
THE CONTEST'S STARTING, POYO!
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HARU?
WHAT'S WRONG, POYO?!
N-NOTHING. I JUST TRIPPED.
YOU'RE NOT PLUE, POYO. DON'T TRIP ON ROADS, POYO.
THE CONTEST'S STARTING, POYO!
I'M... COMING.
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REINA...
THAT GIRL'S NOT IN DEMON CARD, IS SHE?
DON'T WORRY. I'VE GOT THIS ONE COVERED.
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カチャ

WHATEVER SHE'S PLANNING...
...ISN'T GONNA HAPPEN.

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パチ パチ パチ パチ パチ
WELL, I'LL BE!
パチ パチ パチ
THAT WAS MARVELOUS!
AND IN ONLY THREE DAYS. YOU KIDS ARE SOMETHIN'!
ペコリ
DID YA HEAR THE NAME WE PICKED?
WE'RE GONNA BE THE RAVE STARS!
AND WE ARE THE WILD ANIMALS.
Puun!!

THEY CAN DO THIS.
FIRST PLACE IS OURS!
HEH HEH...
SOMEONE'S BEEN PRACTICING.
Okay! Let's go eat!
Indeed!
BUT WE'RE STILL THE BETTER DANCERS.
I SUPPOSE THAT'S IT FOR COMPETITION, THEN?
WE'RE BACK!
HARU, RUBY! WHERE WERE YOU?
SECRET SHOPPING, POYO.
WHA--YOU WERE DOING **NOTHING**, WEREN'T YOU?!
WHERE'D MUSICA RUN OFF TO? THE CONTEST'S ABOUT TO START.
NEVER FEAR--I WILL FIND HIM!

Dance Contest Stage
WOW! CHECK OUT ALL THE PEOPLE!
ざわ ざわ
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ざわ ざわ
LET'S STICK TOGETHER, GUYS.

HARU, POYO! IT'S THIS WAY, POYO!
WAIT UP, I CAN'T MOVE!
THESE CROWDS... ARE HUGE!
THIS IS TOUGH AT MY AGE.
SHEESH!!
I THINK WE GO IN THERE.
THE MAIN EVENT. RIGHT.
DANCE CONTEST
I THINK I'M FINALLY OUT!
I THINK I'M FINALLY IN!
A DANCING CONTEST DOESN'T SOUND LIKE HIS STYLE.
NAH.
I...I THOUGHT I JUST HEARD HARU'S VOICE.
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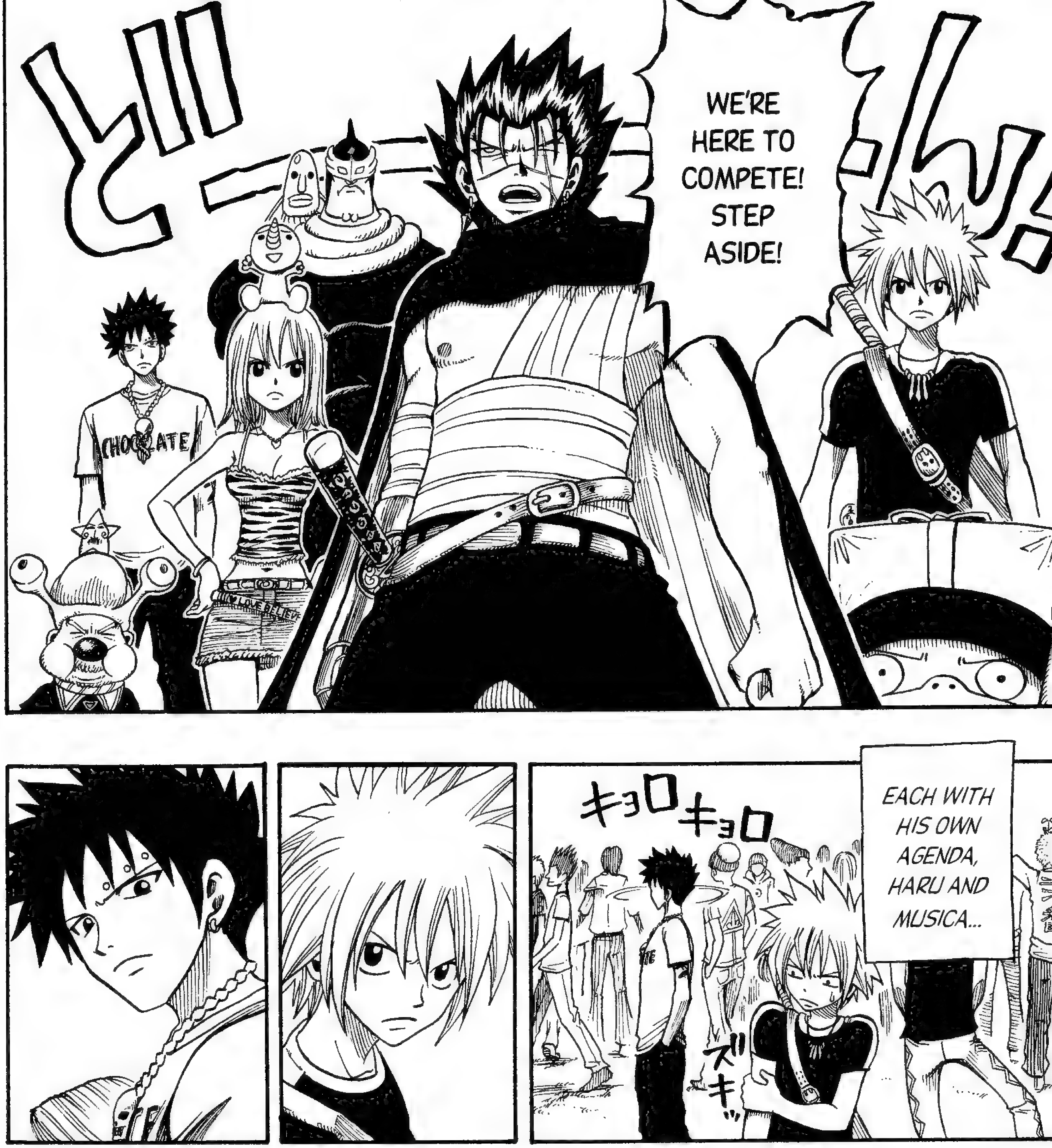
....?!

DANCING.
THAT REMINDS ME OF... HER.
NO, NO. I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO WATCH THIS.
THIS WHOLE MESS IS MAKING ME FORGET MY SCHEDULE.
I HAVE TO GO...
...TO THE NORTH...
TO ALPINE!!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WE'RE HERE TO COMPETE! STEP ASIDE!
EACH WITH HIS OWN AGENDA, HARU AND MUSICA...
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...BEGAN TO DANCE.
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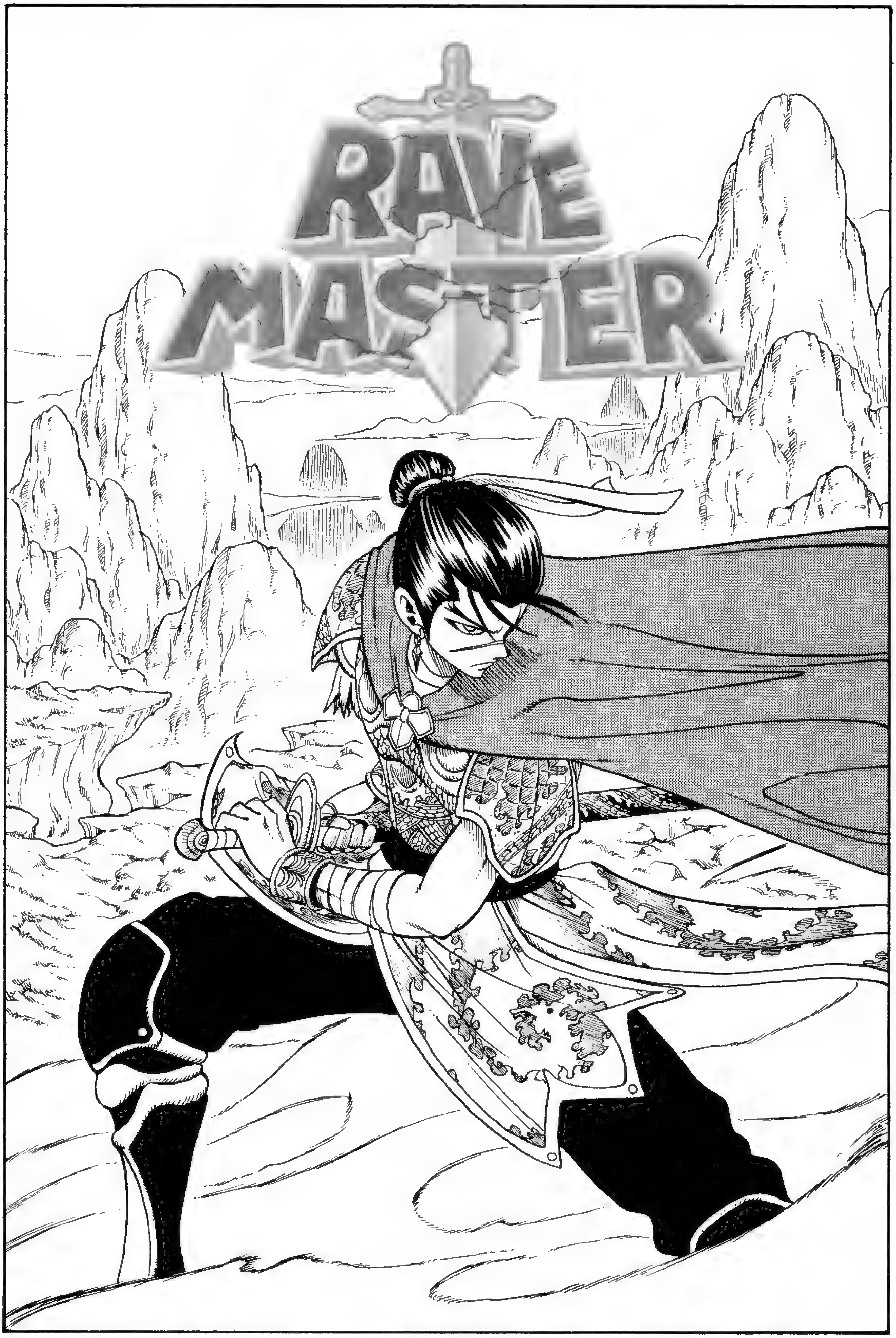
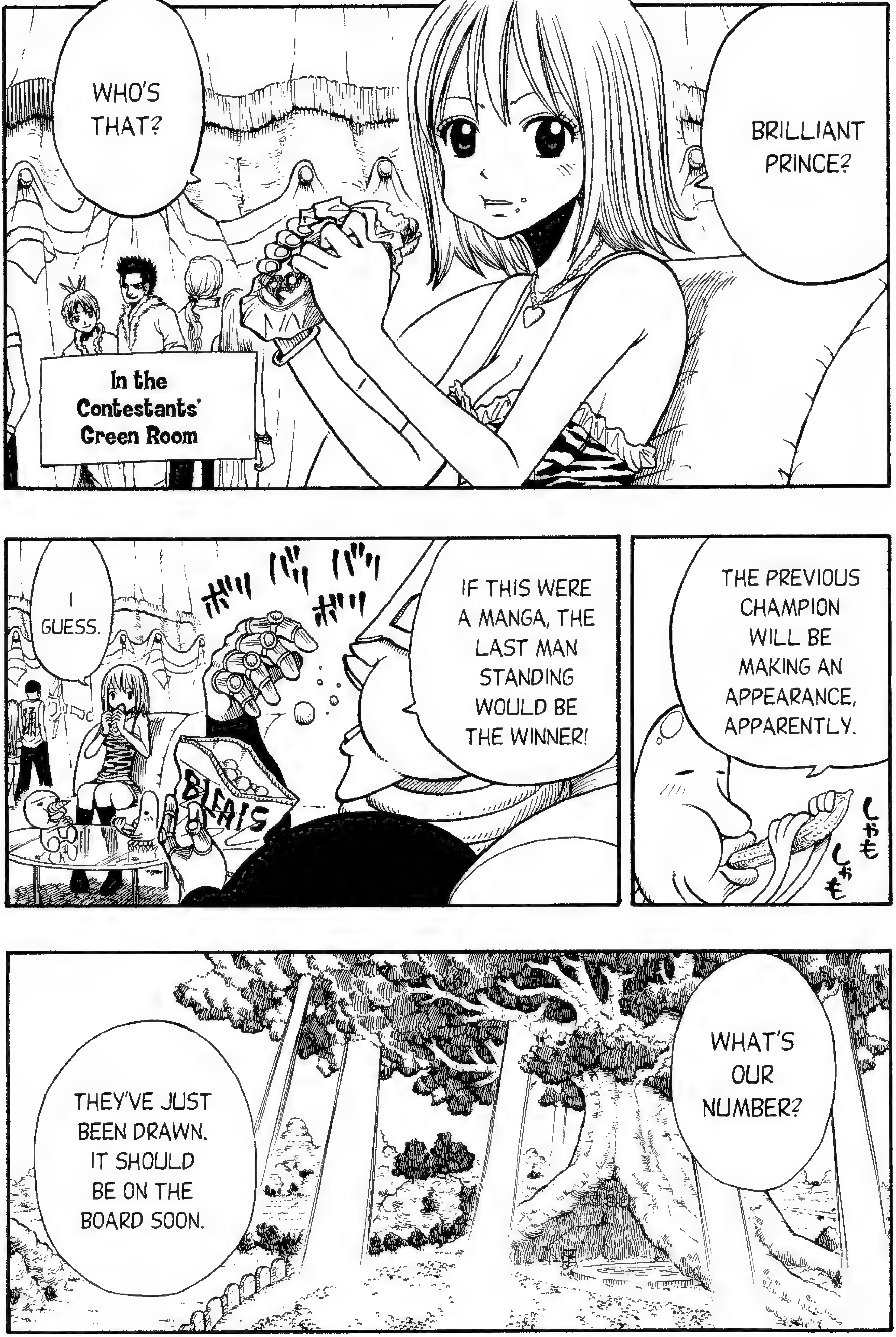
WE'RE LEAVING THEM.
AND HENCE THE DANCE CONTEST BEGUN!


RAVE MASTER

RAVE:182 ✠ THE ACTORS ARE ASSEMBLED!


BRILLIANT PRINCE?
WHO'S THAT?
In the Contestants' Green Room
THE PREVIOUS CHAMPION WILL BE MAKING AN APPEARANCE, APPARENTLY.
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IF THIS WERE A MANGA, THE LAST MAN STANDING WOULD BE THE WINNER!
ボリ バリ バリ ボリ
BLEAIS
I GUESS.
WHAT'S OUR NUMBER?
THEY'VE JUST BEEN DRAWN. IT SHOULD BE ON THE BOARD SOON.

THE PARTY'S FINALLY GETTIN' STARTED!
ドキドキドキドキ
QUIT MAKING ME NERVOUS!
HOORAY! HOORAY! E-L-I-E!
AH! THE ORDER HAS BEEN POSTED.
WHA?!
場者
PLUE AND GRIFF ARE GOING FIRST!
THAT'S BAD. JUDGES GIVE LOWER SCORES TO EARLIER PERFORMANCES.
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ELIE'S 29TH... THAT'S NEXT TO LAST.
LUV-DUBS 14, DRAGON DANCERS 27, POYO.

1	Wild Animals	11	Myriad Dance	21	
2	Buddhas	12	Missing in Action	22	
3	Bugarans	13	West Theatre	23	
4	Habuhashi	14	Luv-Dubs	24	
5	Black Hole	15	Way of the Dance	25	
		16	Dancing Bugs	26	
		17	20m Times Over	27	Dragon Dancers
		18	New Black Ballad	28	Dancing Duelists
		19	The Furries	29	Rave Stars
		20	Lion & Hippo	30	Brilliant

I WONDER IF ELIE'LL WIN.
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SHE DESERVES TO. BUT THAT'S NO GUARANTEE HERE.
IF SHE DOESN'T WIN, SHE'LL STILL HAVE PROVED HERSELF TO ME.
THAT'S NOT WORTH A MILLION EDEL, PAL.
I'LL BE BACK.
WHERE'RE YOU GOING, MUSICA?
WHERE ELSE?
TO FIND A **BABE**.
?
WEE
WOO
WOO
LADIES AND GENTLE-MEN, THE WAIT IS OVER!
おおおおっ
THE DANCE CONTEST IS AT LAST READY TO BEGIN!
DACHI

LAST YEAR'S WINNER, THE **BRILLIANT PRINCE**, WILL BE JOINING US TODAY!
パチパチパチパチパチパチパチパチ
HE WILL BE PERFORMING TO MUSIC FROM OUR 50+ YEAR **ELDER ORCHESTRA**!
THE CHAMP'S COMING!
MM.
HE MUST BE SOMETHING.
WHOEVER HE IS, HIS REIGN IS OVER.
バババババ!!…
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WHAT'S THAT?
A CHOPPER?
NO WAY …!
ピュッ
オオ〜〜ッ
SOMEONE'S JUMPING OUT OF IT!
AND HERE HE IS!
OUR CURRENT CHAMPION …

...THE BRILLIANT PRINCE...
...IULIUS!
THAT GUY?!
HE'S THE PREVIOUS CHAMPION?!
IULIUS, SIR!
YOU'RE SO MAGNIFICENT!

BEAUTY
ゴシャア
!
シャキィーン
…
SORRY FOR THE WAIT.
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!
H-HOW BEAUTIFUL!
UH...ME?!

SO WE MEET AGAIN, MY REFLECTION.
GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE! I INVITE YOU TO DRINK DEEPLY OF MY BEAUTY THIS NIGHT!
ざわざわ
IT'S NOT... EVENING RIGHT NOW.
HE'S THAT ORACION SIX GUY!
DON'T MOVE, HARU!
IF WE STAY CALM, HE WON'T NOTICE US.
IULIUS...?
THEN THAT'S IT!

THAT GIRL!
SHE IS AN ASSASSIN!

SHE'S GOING AFTER IULIUS!
AH, CRAP... I'M WAY TOO LATE ON THIS!
SHE COULD FIRE FROM ANYWHERE!
CHOCOLATE
DAMMIT!
IF THE CROWD GOES NUTS...
...NOBODY'LL BE ABLE TO GET OUT!

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
DON'T LET HER SHOOT!
DON'T LET HER SHOOT!
THUMP
CHOCOLATE
WHERE THE HECK IS SHE?!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
WHERE?!
SQUEEZE

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OH!
NO! SHE DID IT!

ELIE, STAGE RIGHT!!
SERVING UP SOME SWEET PAYBACK!!
BLURGH!
ELIE?
UH-OH.
AW, MAN... ELIE!

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A...A BOLD CHALLENGE TO THE CHAMPION!
DIDJA SEE THAT, HARU?!
I TOTALLY DID IT!
J-JUST HOLD UP, OKAY?
YOU GO, GIRL!
POUND HIM FLAT!
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MY... FACE!
OH DEAR.
MY BEAUTIFUL FACE!
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YOU LITTLE WITCH!
I'LL SHOW YOU...!
PLEASE, SIR. ANGER DOESN'T SUIT YOUR BEAUTY.
AH. BE STILL, MY HEART!
HMPH! YOU LIVE—FOR NOW. I BEAUTIFULLY FORGIVE YOU.
YUCK.

SO THE ETHERION GIRL IS COMPETING, IS SHE?
DID YOU PERCHANCE BRING THE RAVE MASTER WITH YOU?
RAVE MASTER?
WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
ACTUALLY, I'M ON VACATION. SHALL WE COMPETE ON THE STAGE?
VACATIONS ARE BEAUTIFUL, AND FUN FOR ALL INVOLVED.
WHEREVER YOU WANT IT, CREEP-O!
I'LL NEVER LOSE TO A SISSY LIKE YOU!

WHOA!
YOU TELL HIM, GIRL FRIEND!
I'M CHEERING FOR THE CHICK.
YOU SAID IT, MAN!
YEEGH.
WELL...IT COULD BE WORSE.
CRAP ON A STICK.
WHAT NOW? HE'S PROBABLY PLANNING SOMETHIN'.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IULIUS. HE WAS ALWAYS THE IDIOT OF THE ORACION SIX.
THAT'S JUST GREAT! RRGH...AT LEAST I STILL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE.
I'LL WAIT FOR HIS TURN TO DANCE.
I HAVE TO KEEP MY EYES PEELED-IULIUS IS GONNA BE VULNERABLE DURING HIS ROUTINE.
MAN...WHY IS SHE DOING THIS, ANYWAY?

APOLOGIES, EVERYONE! THE OPENING CEREMONY TOOK LONGER THAN PLANNED!
WE'LL SKIP OVER THE INTRODUCTION OF OUR JUDGES...
HEY!
...AND START IMMEDIATELY WITH THE PERFORMANCES!
DAIJIN
FOOT RUN
GOLGOCH-EPA
BOIN
わあああ あ
PLEASE WELCOME OUR FIRST PAIR, THE WILD ANIMALS!
ER...ARE THOSE EVEN HUMAN?
ALL RIGHT! LET'S SCREAM REAL LOUD, OKAY?
HOORAY! HOORAY! P-L-U-E! G-R-I-F-F!
AT ANY RATE, BEGIN!
ジャジャーン
ジャカジャカ
ズンタタッ
ドーンドン!!
くるくる
くるくる
パラッパラー
ゴロゴロゴロ ゴロ…

おおおぉっ!!
THAT WAS REALLY GOOD!
UH... YEAH?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!
I *WILL* WIN! DO YOU HEAR ME?!
I REFUSE TO LOSE!! REFUUSE!!!
グビグビ
DO THEY REALIZE WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO US?!
グビグビ
I'LL KICK THAT GRIFF INTO ORBIT!
ぷはー…
CHINK
LEAVE IT TO ME, MISTRESS!
JUSTICE WILL SURELY--

--TRI...
UUUUUUMPH.
WHEEEEEEEEZE...
!!!!!
L-LAZENBY? WHAT'S WRONG?!
DON'T... FEEL SO GOOD...
DID YOU EAT BONY AGAIN?!
NO!!
LOOK! UH, JUST HANG IN THERE!
BLAAARGH! OOOH...
HEE HEE HEE!
SO HARU IS THE RAVE MASTER. ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR!
THIS LAXATIVE TAKES THREE DAYS TO CLEAR. ENJOY LOSING, LOSERS!

TO BE CONTINUED

Q&A CORNER

Q. Are we gonna get an Elie shower scene?
(Konomi – Osaka Prefecture)

A. Do I have to?! All right, all right. I'll get around to it... when I remember.

Q. Why hasn't Feber appeared here or there?
(Lolicon Behind Bars – Aida Prefecture)

A. So you all remember Feber, huh? (The DC minion Haru pounded in Volume 1.) Hmm...why hasn't he shown up, I wonder? He'll be somewhere next time. It'll be like a date.

Q. I saw Shiba listed as both a like and a dislike in the profile for Clea of the Four Knights of the Blue Sky. Why's that?

A. Women are complicated, kids! Clea's a knight, too; she might be jealous of Shiba, who's more powerful than she is. Like, "He's strong, I hate him!" On the other hand, she may like him as a man and not as a knight. Anyway, imagine whatever you want *laughs*.

Q. This is kinda old, but Celia's sea magic seemed to have "sea" stuffed into all the spell names. Like Water Cae(Sea)sar.

A. Nice of you to notice--I forgot about all that.

Q&A CORNER

Q. Okay. In Vol. 20, when Elie punched out Lazenby, Elie's punch power was 7560 and Lazenby's defense power was 17? I'm losing sleep over it. Please, explain! *bows*

(Oi! You, that (abridged) Miss Heroine over there! – ? Prefecture)

A. PEN NAME! LONG! I HAD TO (ABRIDGE) IT!

But...you do raise a novel question, so here comes the answer.

First, Elie's basic punch power is 200. And Lazenby's basic defense power is 7000. So--how can a 200-power punch beat a 7000-power defense? These are the modifiers in effect at the time.

ELIE

Elie's basic punch power		YOU!!! IDIOT!!!		Haru's in trouble		A maiden's anger		Punch power at time
200	+	200	+	300	+	300	=	1000

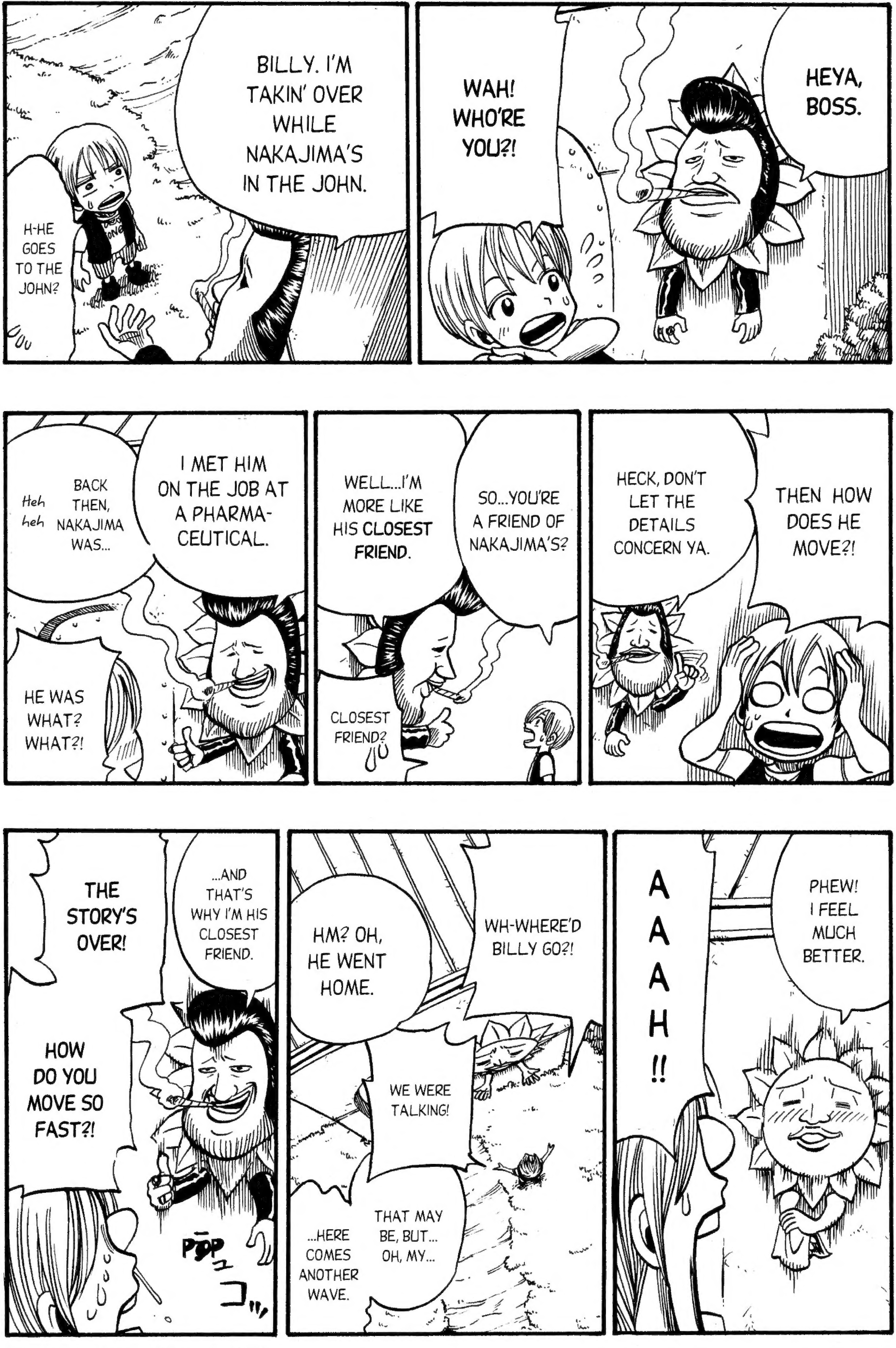
LAZENBY

Lazenby's basic defense power		Waking from nap		Stomach in bad shape		Girl punch. No big deal...		Defense at time
7000	–	1000	–	2500	–	3000	=	500

And that's why the punch worked. Wow, I filled an entire page with this. *bows*

Levin Minds the House

#18 - Billy Housesits


HEYA, BOSS.
WAH! WHO'RE YOU?!
BILLY. I'M TAKIN' OVER WHILE NAKAJIMA'S IN THE JOHN.
H-HE GOES TO THE JOHN?
THEN HOW DOES HE MOVE?!
HECK, DON'T LET THE DETAILS CONCERN YA.
SO...YOU'RE A FRIEND OF NAKAJIMA'S?
WELL...I'M MORE LIKE HIS CLOSEST FRIEND.
CLOSEST FRIEND?
I MET HIM ON THE JOB AT A PHARMACEUTICAL.
Heh heh BACK THEN, NAKAJIMA WAS...
HE WAS WHAT? WHAT?!
PHEW! I FEEL MUCH BETTER.
AAAAH!!
WH-WHERE'D BILLY GO?!
HM? OH, HE WENT HOME.
WE WERE TALKING!
THAT MAY BE, BUT... OH, MY...
...HERE COMES ANOTHER WAVE.
...AND THAT'S WHY I'M HIS CLOSEST FRIEND.
THE STORY'S OVER!
HOW DO YOU MOVE SO FAST?!
POP

To Be Continued?

"AFTERWORDS!"

UGH! MY PLACE IS A MESS! I'VE NEVER BEEN GREAT AT ORGANIZATION, BUT NOW THE PLACE IS A COMPLETE DUMP. YUCK! IT'LL LOOK GOOD IN NO TIME, THOUGH. (<– EXCUSE)

SO...THIS VOLUME. I'D MEANT TO DO THE PEOPLE OF TIME EPISODE FROM THE BEGINNING, BUT IT STARTED TO FEEL LIKE IT WAS TAKING TOO LONG. I'M SURE YOU WERE WORRYING ABOUT HOW A BEAST LIKE HAJA COULD BE BEATEN WHEN HE COULD BLOCK ALL OF SIEG'S MAGIC... AND THEN HE GETS IMPALED BY A BROKEN STAFF. OOGA! I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL LIKE, "AH, I SEE." OR, "OH, JEEZ!" (LAUGHS) SOMEWHERE AROUND CHAPTER 177, LAZENBY FELL IN LOVE WITH ELIE. NOT A LOT OF FORESHADOWING AT THE TIME... SORRY. OOGA! (THINGS HAVE BEEN FAST AND FURIOUS LATELY.) CHAPTER 179 WITH THE "PURSE-SNATCHING KID" WAS A SORT OF HOMAGE TO A CERTAIN WORK. NOT LIKE ANYONE NOTICED. I WAS GOING TO DO THE STRIP SCENE WITH MIKA-CHAN (ALIAS) ON THE NIGHT OF THE PREVIOUS DAY (WHEN MUSICA STOLE HER BRA BY THE RIVER), BUT SINCE I'D DEDICATED CHAPTER 181 TO THE "DAWN OF THE DANCE CONTEST," I HAD TO FIT IT IN WITH THAT. I THOUGHT A NAKED WOMAN WITH A GUN WOULD ADD TO THE MOOD. OOGA! NEXT VOLUME'S GONNA BE COOL. EVERYONE COME SEE! OOGA!

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